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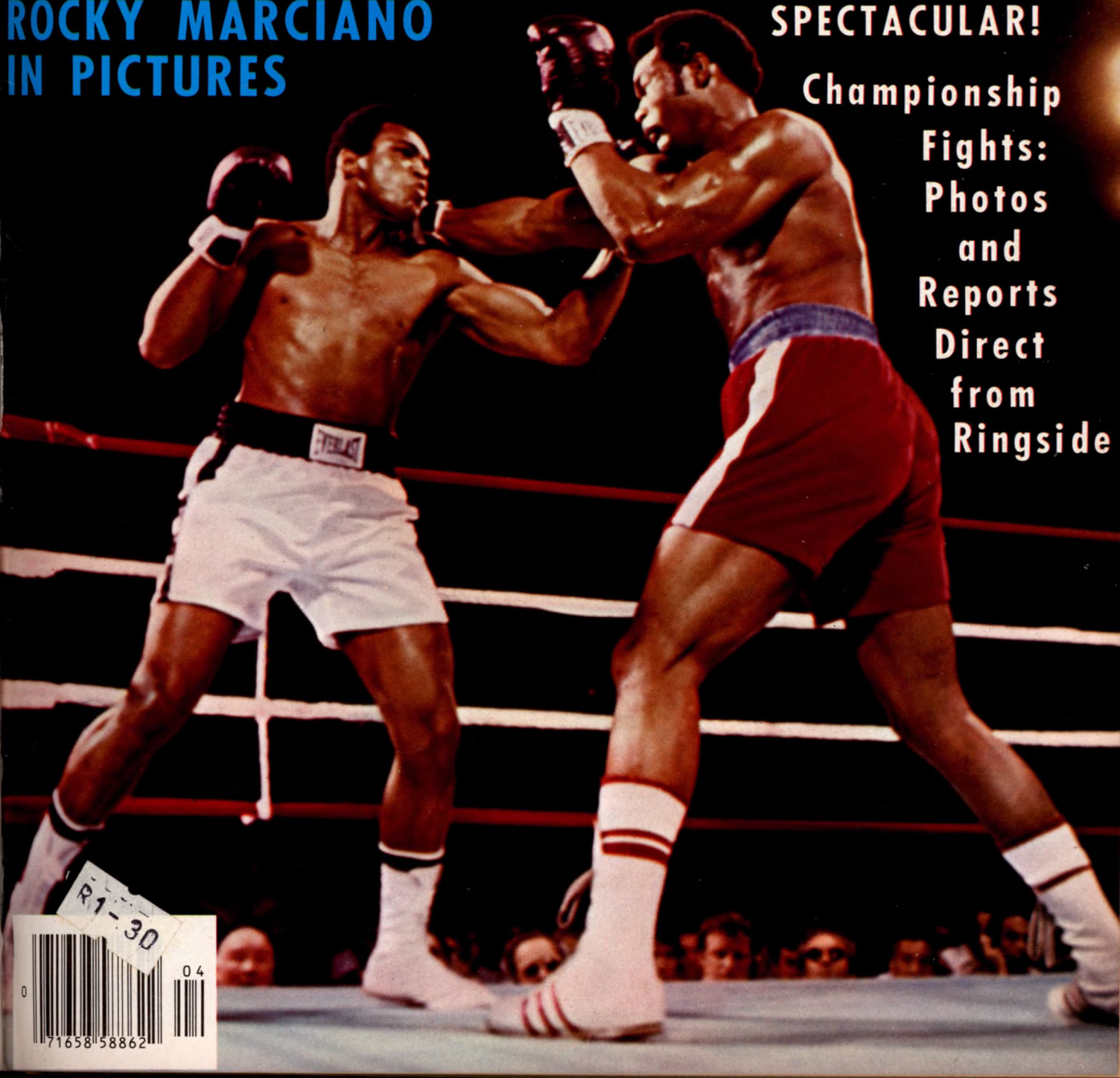

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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IT is amazing the amount of umbrage, dirty tricks, spy tactics and outright sabotage that have been directed at the United States Championship Tournament by those who lacked the foresight, ability and desire to do something for United States boxing.

Ever since THE RING magazine came up with the idea, no one but promoter Don King has had the mental makeup to comprehend the meaning of such a tournament and have the ability, along with ABC television, to put the show on the road based on RING magazine United States ratings, which began back in 1972.

Since the tournament was announced other promoters in the field of boxing have jumped on the band wagon to hold tournaments of their own. THE RING finds this laudable and all to the good of boxing. The more fights are held, the more young men are going to get a chance to exhibit their wares, and the more the fans have a chance to see boxing, the better off the health of the biggest international sport will be in the future.

We would in no way cast any disparagement upon those promoters who are helping to give boxing the boost it needs so badly. What we do not understand is why men in boxing cannot see beyond their collective noses to notice that what boxing needs is for all those running boxing to put their shoulders to the wheel in unison for the betterment of boxing as a whole.

The U.S. Tourney is now well under way and letters coming to us indicate that fans and fighters comprehend what we have been attempting to do for boxing. The fans are amazed at the hidden cache of talent that has been uncovered and is coming to the fore, and with this amazement is a new feeling of interest in boxing and these young men who have not been known except by those few people who have been privileged to follow the sport closely due to necessity. As the authors of an *Encyclopedia and Record Book* THE RING has been forced to keep in touch with these relative unknowns.

In recent years when THE RING has done an article on a new boxing face who was not a heavyweight, fans would write in that they didn't even know who we were writing about, that they had never heard of our subject. That picture is now changing.

Letters are coming in from young fighters who want to know more about the tournament and what they have to do to get rated. We tell them to fight men in the ratings or amass a good enough record over "talent" in the U.S. to get themselves moved into the select groupings. These youngsters are thrilled that at last there is a definite goal prior to a world title shot and a place to fight so that they can move ahead. Getting into the U.S. ratings with a chance to win the U.S. title in their various classes now has added meaning.

Word has it that promoters in places where boxing has been dormant are now considering opening up small clubs based on the new interest in fighters of all weight divisions.

In short, if we all pull together boxing has a good chance to rejuvenate itself in America, and if this occurs boxing all around the world will benefit.

Heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali fires a right at George Foreman on October 30, 1974, en route to an eighth round KO which gave Ali back the heavyweight title. How will the 35-year-old Ali, with slower reflexes, stand up against the powerful slugger in a re-match?

Ali at 35: How Does He Compare with His Heroes?

By MICHAEL SILVER

THE announcement came as no great surprise to most boxing people, Muhammad Ali had announced his "unretirement," only one month after saying that he was leaving boxing forever, and his intention to defend the crown against number 5 rated Duane Bobick, to be followed by Jimmy Young and George Foreman in that order. A most enthusiastic "unretirement." One week later Ali, obviously having second and third thoughts, changed his mind once again and re-retired. What? Oh well, at least he was keeping his name in the news. Now once again he is back in action.

Ali, it seems, not only plays games with us, he plays games with himself as well. Ali was either experimenting with the idea of eventual retirement and decided to try it on for size and see if it took, or he was pressed into the original announcement in order to take some of the heat off of himself due to family problems and his close call with Norton. Whatever the reasons it is obvious that no retirement is going to stick, not at this stage of his career, at the peak of his popularity and earning power. It is not easy to step down from a throne, especially when you want to be king forever. Ask Sugar Ray.

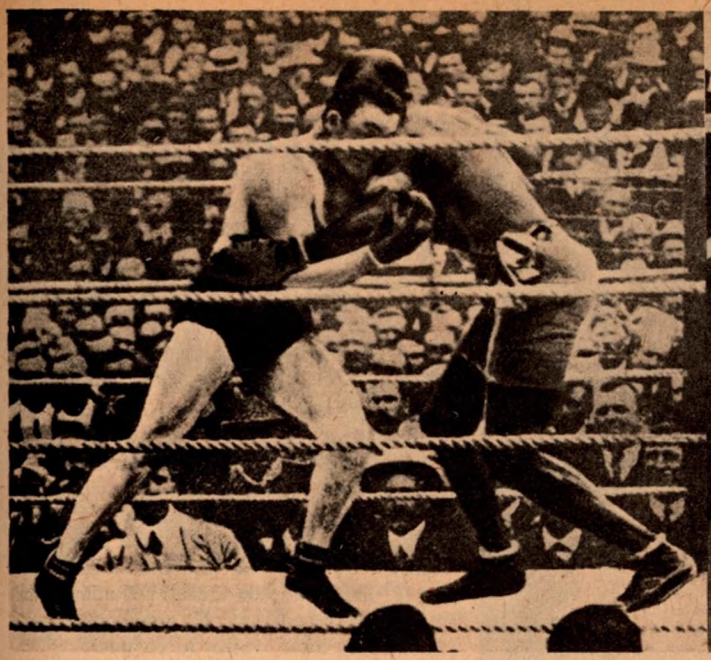
So now Muhammad Ali launches yet another phase of his incredible career and we mortals watch excitedly, waiting to see what his next move will be, glad that this super legend is still among us to make things a little more interesting.

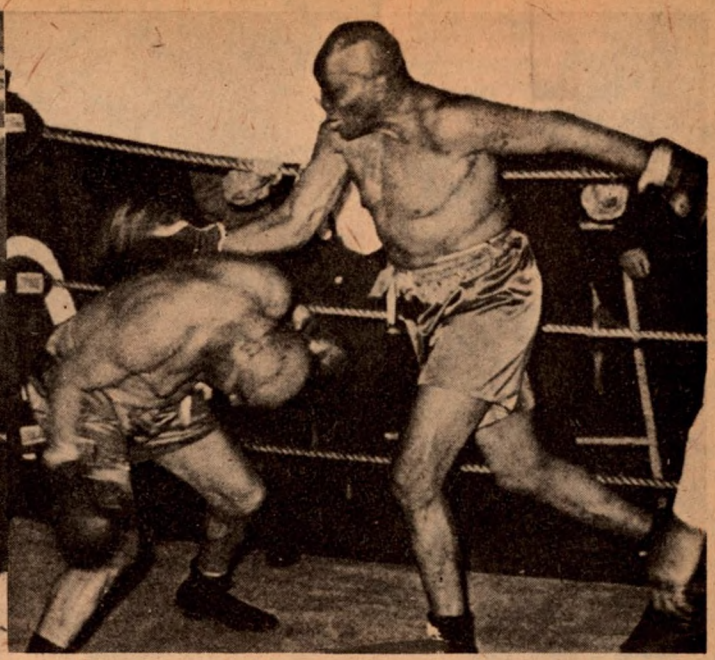
Ali, who was 35 on January 17, is entering the most precarious phase of his career, and the big question is, how much does Ali really have left and how much longer can he go on? Historians often look into the past for clues as to what the future holds. Perhaps some of the answers we seek can be found in our searching through the archives of ring history.

Muhammad Ali, throughout his illustrious career, has often drawn comparisons of himself to three other great black champions: Sugar Ray Robinson, Joe Louis and Jack Johnson—the three fighters he admires more than any others. All three of these super champs also continued to fight well past their peaks. Can we draw any parallels between their careers and Ali's at similar stages that will give us a clue as to where Ali is going?

Let's begin with Sugar Ray Robinson, to whom Ali has often compared himself in style, was possibly the greatest fighter, pound for pound, the world has ever seen. Ali used to refer to himself as the heavyweight Sugar Ray. The comparison was not without merit. In his younger days, when Ali could dance all night and fire lightning four and five punch combinations, he did, indeed, resemble a heavyweight Ray Robinson.

The middleweights are generally acknowledged to be toughest division in boxing,





(Above left) Jack Johnson, right, won the world heavyweight title from Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia, on December 26, 1908, at the age of 30. A fighter with remarkable longevity, due to his finely honed defensive skills, Johnson made his last ring appearance at the age of 67 when he boxed an exhibition (above right) against old foe Joe Jeannette, seen left.

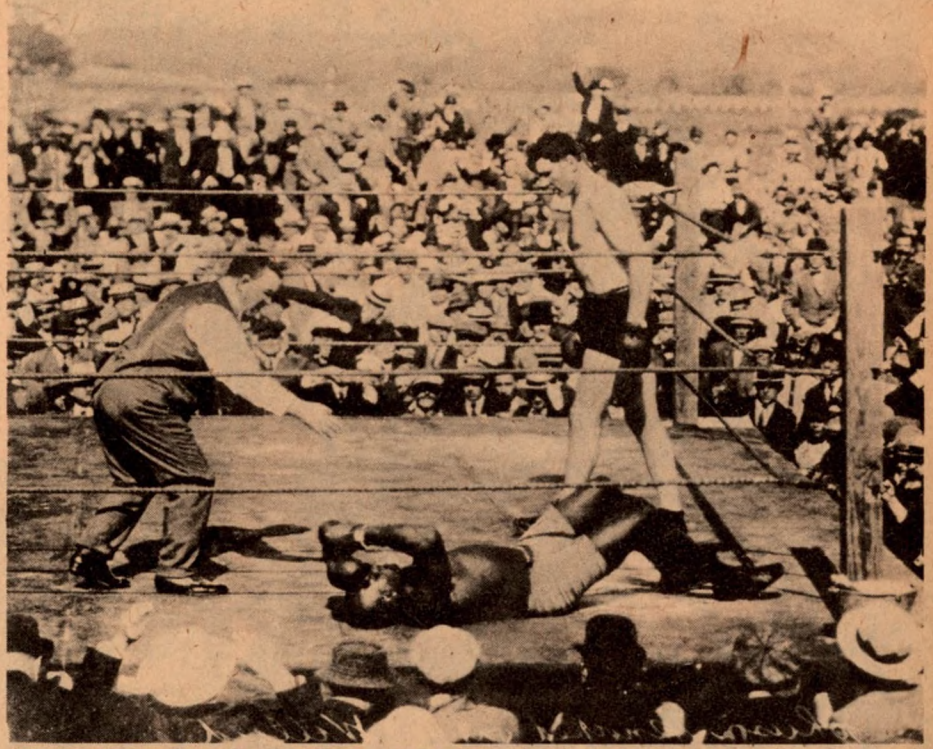
combining the speed of the lighter weights and the heavy punching of the bigger men. Robinson fought professionally from 1940 to 1965, the last 16 years as a middlweight. For a man to be as successful for as long as Ray was in this tough division is truly remarkable, to say the least.

At the age of 35, in 1955, Robby was just launching his first comeback after a two year retirement. He had retired in 1952 as undefeated middleweight champion after compiling a record of 132 victories in 135 fights. Robby's retirement was meant to be for good, or so he thought.

He had hoped to trade in his boxing gloves for dance slippers, and all started well for Robinson, whose natural grace and footwork carried over in front of the footlights of New York, Las Vegas, and Miami. The act's appeal was basically as a curiosity, and as a curiosity it had nowhere to go. The novelty soon wore off. Robby wasn't bad as a hoofer (in fact he got excellent reviews), but there were many dancers.

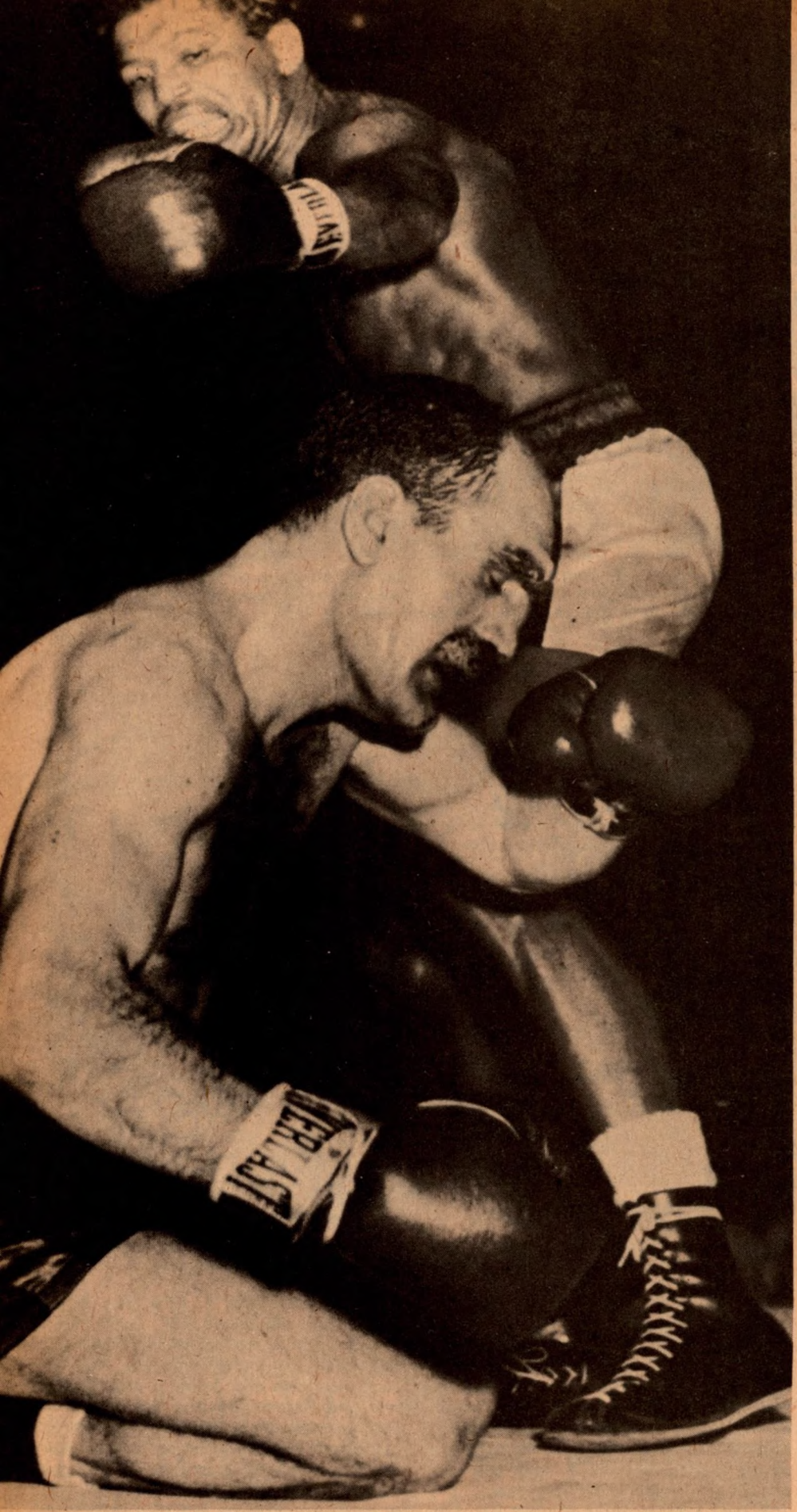
True, millions had been paid to see Robinson perform, but that was as an artist of the ring painting a beautiful portrait on canvas as only the sugar man could do it. Nowhere else could Robinson attract the attention or money that was his in the prize ring. So, on January 5, 1955, with the crowds at his act diminishing, and in need of money to continue to live in the style in which he was accustomed, Ray launched his comeback against journeyman Joe Rindone. As expected Ray's timing was off, but he managed to look decent enough knocking out Rindone in the sixth round. It wasn't quite the Sugar Ray of old—not yet anyway.

Three weeks later, rushing things a bit, he took on veteran war horse Ralph Tiger Jones, and was soundly drubbed in 10 rounds. Just like the commercial, Robby muttered, "Thanks, I needed that." The beating showed him where he really was and how far he had to go before he was ready. It took the beating by Tiger Jones plus four more tune-up bouts to get the kinks out and Robby was back in good working order. Mind you, he was never quite the Sugar Ray of the late forties, yet he was still good enough to beat almost everyone else.



Johnson is seen on the deck in round 26 of his title-bout against Jess Willard on April 5, 1915, in Havana. Jack was 37 when the heavyweight title changed hands.

Eleven months after starting his comeback, on December 9, 1955, Ray flashed his old form and kayoed Carl "Bobo" Olson to win the middleweight crown for the third time. Twice more the amazing Ray won back the crown after losing it to Gene Fullmer and Carmen Basilio, defeating them both in return bouts. With each passing year the superb mechanism began to slow down and Robinson's last great fight, his last great performance, was on March 25, 1958, when at the age of 37 years and 10 months he de-



feated Basilio in 15 brutal rounds to win back the championship he had lost six months earlier.

The rest of Robinson's career from 1960 until his retirement in 1965 at the age of 45 is best forgotten. It was the all too common story of a great fighter living off his name, fighting guys who 10 years earlier wouldn't qualify as Ray's sparring partners. Robby did better than most in his fistic dotage, losing few bouts, but to those who saw the Harlem dandy in his prime . . . well, they knew better.

JOE LOUIS

On March 1, 1949, three months before his 35th birthday, Joe Louis announced his retirement as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. The announcement, which took no one by surprise, was welcomed by Joe's millions of fans and admirers throughout the world. Louis had done everything expected of a legend, and more: Champion for 12 years and successful defender of his title an unprecedented 25 times, there simply were no more worlds to conquer.

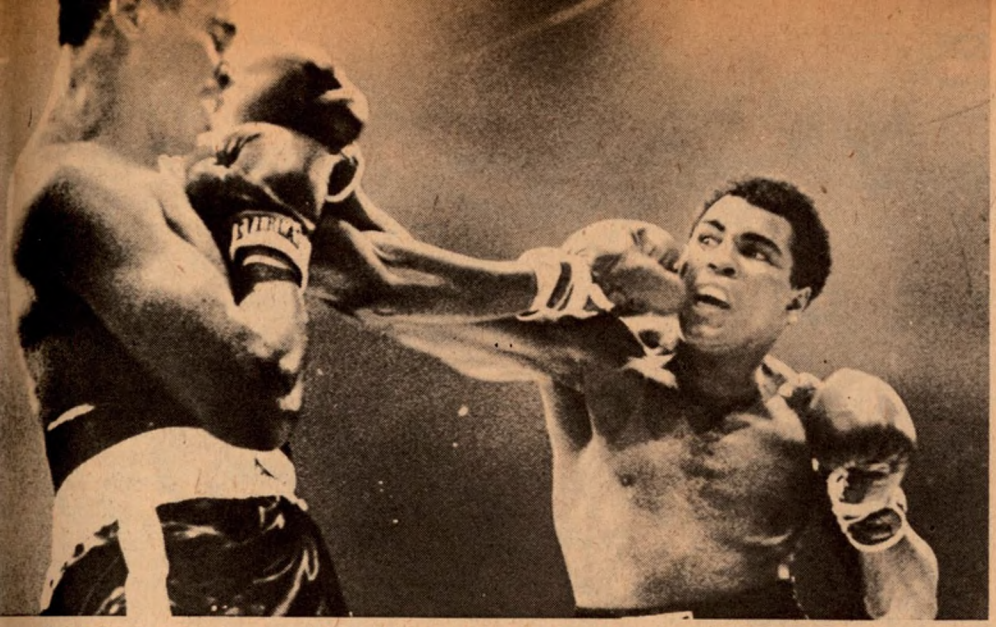
Besides, at 34 Louis was no longer the stalking killer that he had been in his prime. Sometime during his 4 years of inactivity, while a member of the armed forces during World War II, the great Brown Bomber's skills had faded. Although he engaged in countless exhibitions, entertaining our troops in every theater of operation, Joe had not had a real bout since March of 1942.

His return with Billy Conn in 1946 and his two battles with Jersey Joe Walcott in '47 and '48 revealed that age and inactivity had finally taken their toll. A slower and heavier Louis presented quite a contrast between the pre-war edition and the 1946 model. Make no mistake, Louis was still deadly. He would knock out anybody he could hit. The trouble was that the jungle cat reflexes were gone forever. Louis could see the openings, but was no longer fast enough to take advantage, the age old lament of the over the hill fighter.

It should be pointed out that Louis's difficulty in making a successful comeback was compounded by the fact that his inactivity came between the ages of 28 to 32, the years when most boxers begin their slide downhill. Ali's enforced 3½ years of inactivity ended at the age of 28 when he was still young enough to come back strong.

Unlike Ali, Louis was not able to adjust his style of fighting to compensate for his deteriorating skills. Besides, it is doubtful whether Louis would have changed even if he could. The rope-a-dope would never have been part of his strategy—it just wasn't in his make-up. So what was left of Louis after 1946 was basically a reasonable fac-

Sugar Ray Robinson launched his comeback after a two year retirement at the age of 35 against Joe Rindone, in Detroit, on January 5, 1955. Sugar Ray won a sixth round KO, but he was clearly not the Robinson of old.



Last April, a not very well conditioned Ali, right, fought Jimmy Young to a 15 round decision in Landover, Maryland. Some call Young a "spoiler," but the fact is, Ali had taken his speed and stamina for granted.

simile. It was not enough to beat Ezzard Charles.

Unfortunately, Louis's retirement was short lived. The enormous amount of money he owed the government in back taxes forced him back into the ring only 1½ years after he announced his retirement. On September 27, 1950, Louis made his ill starred comeback, losing to Ezzard Charles in 15 inglorious rounds. Nevertheless, Joe continued his comeback making as much money as he could, defeating eight men over the next year. At 37 he may not have been the destroyer of old, but he still had enough left to defeat the likes of Jimmy Bivins and Lee Savold, both top ranking contenders.

On October 26, 1951, the Louis comeback came to an abrupt end when Rocky Marciano knocked him out in the eighth round. Louis, weighing 218 pounds (at his peak he scaled approximately 200 pounds), had closed the Rock's right eye and kept the fight fairly even until the eighth round when the bludgeoning punches of Marciano's sustained attack finally crashed through the weary old champ's lowered guard. Two knockdowns later it was all over. A career and an era had come to an end.

The event remains forever as one of the saddest moments in all of sports history. No monarch had ever worn his crown with such regal dignity, Louis was an inspiration. The thrills and drama of his ring career will never be forgotten. Boxing owes the immortal Brown Bomber a debt it can never repay.

JACK JOHNSON

1913 was a rough year for Jack Johnson. Not in terms of challengers. No one, especially no white man, seemed able to dethrone the Galveston Giant. His troubles came from other quarters. Johnson was framed on a phony charge of violating the Mann act, transporting a woman across state lines for immoral purposes. This seemed the only way the white establishment could remove this black thorn from its side. In order to avoid prison the persecuted Johnson fled the country and went into a self imposed exile that was to last for seven years.

The culmination of events which eventually drove Jack Johnson out of the country began in 1908 when he easily dethroned Tommy Burns to win the title, thus becoming the first black man to hold the heavyweight crown. Flamboyant, dashing and a ladies man, Johnson had dared, one year later, to marry a white woman, the first of three white wives. Johnson, the supreme egotist, did as he pleased and to hell with what the white, or for that matter black, establishment thought. And, it should be noted, in 1908 there were no powerful black organizations to back him . . . not that Johnson would have asked for their help or been a member of any organization. Johnson was his own man, a rugged invididualist whose only real cause was his own. Considering the fact that he won the title only 43 years after the Civil War had ended, one can only marvel at the kind of courage the man must have had. Truly a remarkable personality.

1910 saw Johnson annihilate former champion Jim Jeffries in 15 one sided rounds. The once invincible Jeff had been dragged out of a five year retirement in the hopes of defeating Johnson. Incidentally, this was the first fight to be billed as the "Fight of the Century," and its aftermath resulted

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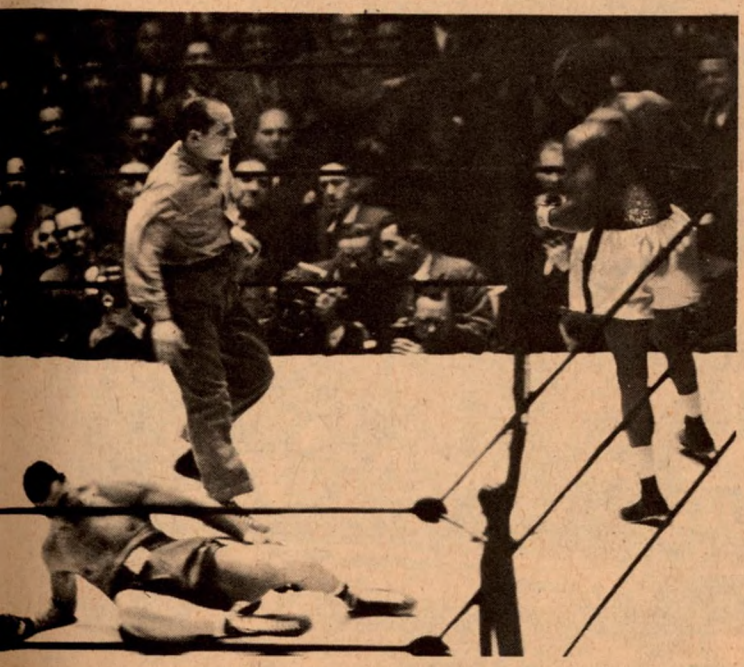

(Left) Joe Louis, on the mat, came back to win a 15 round decision against Jersey Joe Walcott, standing, on December 5, 1947, in New York. Inactivity during the war years had taken their toll on the slower moving Louis. (Above) Louis is KO'd by Rocky Marciano on October 26, 1951, in New York City. At 37, any chace of a comeback for Louis was stopped dead.

U.S. TOURNEY MAKES SPECTACULAR DEBUT

By JOHN ORT

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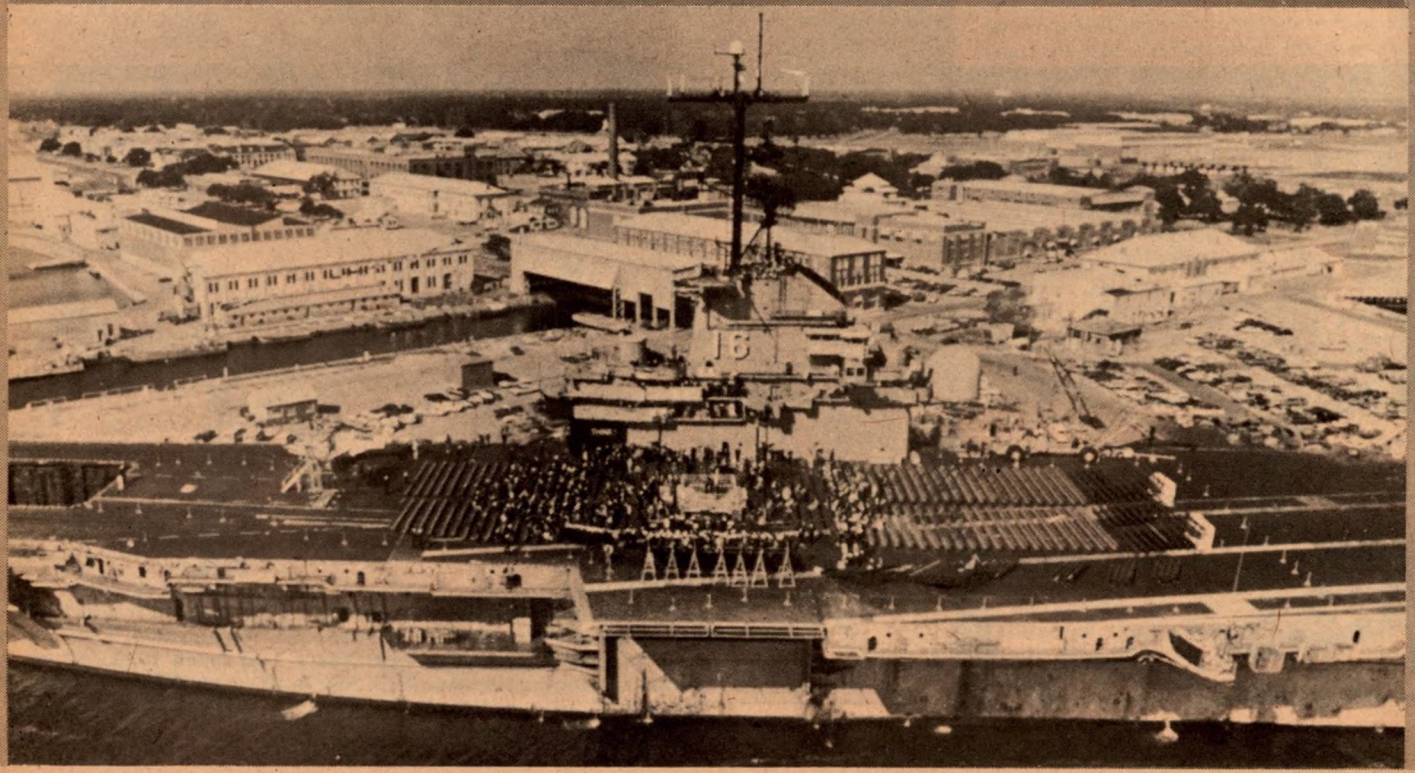
PENSACOLA, Florida—The United States Championship Tournament got under way aboard the U.S. Navy carrier Lexington with six quarter-final bouts. The show was carried live on World-Wide T.V. over the A.B.C. network. The RING magazine backed Tournament was promoted by the Mike Todd of boxing, Don King.

The Tournament was under the direction of New York State Boxing Commission, chairman James Farley. Others on the U.S. Championship board: Nat Loubet, Editor and Publisher of THE RING; Ken Sherwood, Manny Gonzalez, both ex-New York State boxing comissioners and John Ort, Associate Editor, RING magazine.

The officials for the bout were from outside the State of Florida: referees Jay Edison, Phoenix, Arizona, now living in Naples, Florida; Joe Bunsa, Bal-

(Right) The U.S. Navy welcomes Don King and ABC to the USS Lexington for the opening round of the U.S. Championship Tournament. (Below) An air view of the USS Lexington shows the carrier docked at Pensacola, Florida. The quarter-finals were held on the flight deck.



(Above) Sportcasters Howard Cosell and heavyweight contender George Foreman talk about the significance of the U.S. tournament at ringside. (Below) Round two action shows Irish Johnny Sullivan, New Jersey, sting Irish Pat Dolan, Freeport, New York, with a good right to the head. Their's was a lightweight bout. Sullivan won a split nod over eight rounds.

timore, Maryland; Tony Perez, New York; and Judge Eva Shane, the first American women to judge a nationally televised bout, from New York. The ringside doctor was Commander Krim and former New York Commission MD, Dr. Edwin Campbell. Counting for the knockdowns and acting as timer was local fellow Johnny Walker. Also on hand to help was former featherweight champion and New York State official Pete Scalzo, now living in Miami Beach, Florida.

The day was sunny, and the temperature was about 50 degrees with a wind of about 20 knots. There were 3,000 Navy men and women on board. There was no gate. The show was free, a present from Don King and THE RING to the people and the Navy, our way to say thanks to them for protecting us around the world.

The first quarter-final round featured heavyweights Tom Prater, Indianapolis, Indiana, vs. Larry Holmes, Easton, Pennsylvania; light heavys Bobby Cassiday, Brentwood, N.Y. vs. Brooklyn's Willie Taylor, Brooklyn; Portland, Oregon's Mike Colbert vs. Boston's Jackie Smith, middleweights; welters Randy Shields, Los Angeles, vs. New York's Juan Cantres; Pat Dolan, Freeport, N.Y. vs. Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J. lightweights; and featherweights Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y. vs. Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.

The show opened at 11:30 am with a featherweight bout between Walter Seeley, No-3 in the world and Hilbert Stevenson, No-4, in the U.S., who both dropped weight for the tournament.

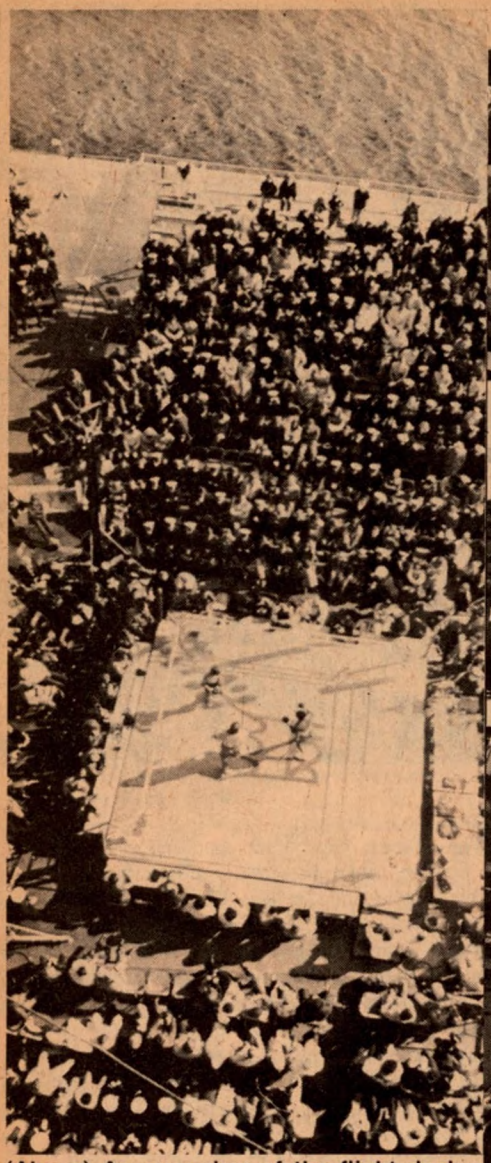
Stevenson started fast, coming out like a little Joe Frazier. He hurt Walter with lead rights to the head and lefts to the body of the Irish southpaw.

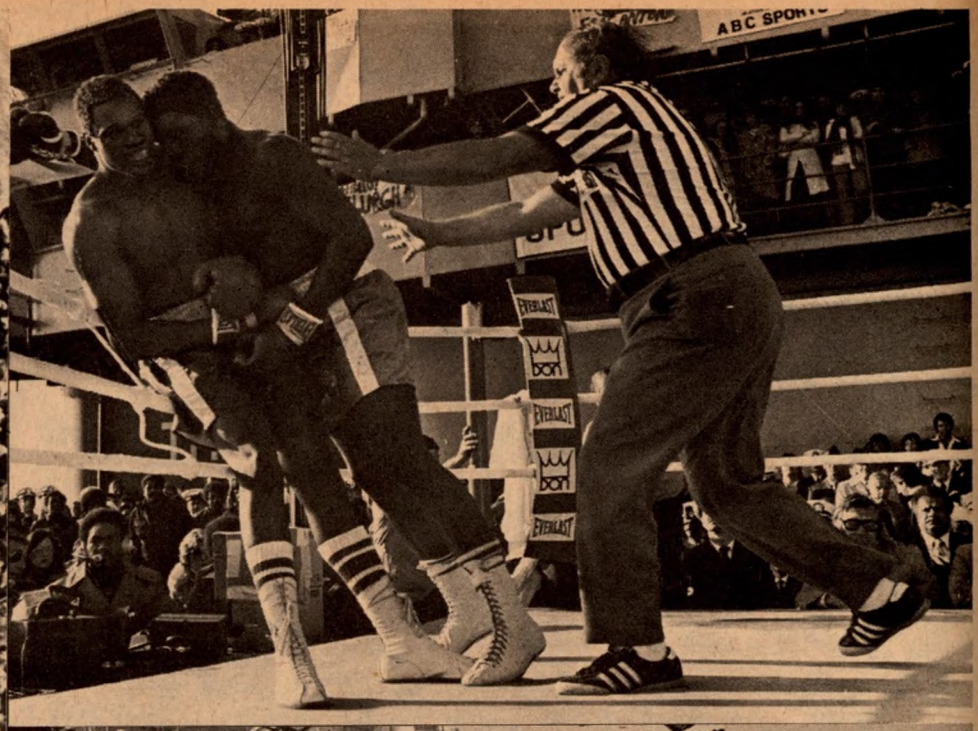
In the second and third rounds, both men battled toe-to-toe with each landing shots which hurt the other. Hilbert stagged Walter with a good right to the chin in the second, but Seeley held on.

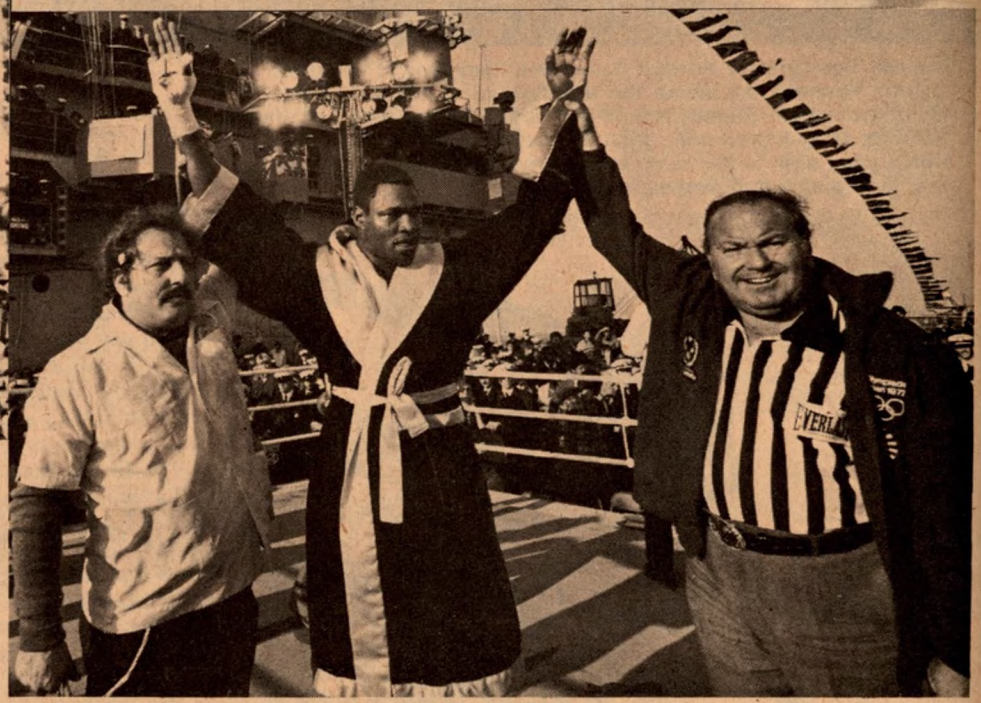
Stevenson was on the deck twice in the next two rounds from slips. Walter started to box and make the young tiger miss. Hilbert hurt his shoulder in the sixth when he fell to the deck.

Seeley used everything he could to pull the bout out over the last two rounds. He moved, jabbed, and countered against a tired Stevenson to gain a close eight round decision.

After the contest Walter stated, "This was the toughest guy I ever boxed. This tournament will bring to light many a boxer like







(Above) An over-view of the flight deck shows welterweights Randy Shields, Los Angeles, vs. Juan Cantres, New York. Shields won a split decision. (Top right) Heavyweight Tom Prater, Indianpolis, leans undefeated Larry Holmes, Easton, Pennsylvania, into the ropes while referee Jay Edson rushes in to break it up. (Right) Edson and trainer Richie Giraetti raise Larry's arms as unanimous eight round decision is announced.

this 20-year-old kid." Walter went on, "I ran over 600 miles to get in shape for this bout, lucky I did, or I would be over in the losers dressing room."

Stevenson thanked promoter King and RING magazine for the chance of a lifetime. He stated, "I've been boxing for couple of years, and nobody ever really cared if I lived or died in boxing. This was the greatest thing to happen to me in my life. I know I lost the fight, but I don't feel like a loser. All these nice people here make me feel like a winner. You have not seen the last of me, thanks to this tournament. I now have a chance."

The second contest of the day pitted lightweights Irish Pat Dolan against Irish Johnny Sullivan. This bout started slowly with Sullivan pressing the side-stepping Dolan for the first three rounds. Sullivan, the under-dog, scored the most points during this time and hurt Pat with a good right to the side of the head in the second round.

Dolan started to come on in the next three rounds. He moved and jabbed the charging Sullivan. John was tagged with some good rights to the head, but kept coming.

The last three rounds they went toe-to-toe with the heavy hitting Sullivan doing most of the damage.

The scoring was close, with Johnny Sullivan given a split eight round nod.

After the contest Dolan felt that he had won, but stated it was a fair decision and that if Johnny did win the title that he would like a rematch.

World ranked Randy Shields, No-6, was hard pressed to gain a split eight decision over another unknown U.S. fighter by the name of Juan Cantres.

Cantres, ranked No-11 in the U.S. showed what can happen when a fighter like himself gets a chance to box a top rated boxer. He stated, "Shields would never box me for a couple of thousand

dollars, I'm too tough for him, but for $10,000 he will fight anyone. I felt I won, but this will help me get more fights, and people will now know that I'm around."

The fight itself had Cantres forcing the action, with Shields countering with jabs and right hands off the face of the on-coming Cantres.

Both men stayed in the center of the ring from round three to eight, taking turns tagging one another with the crowd on its feet to the end. There were no knockdowns, but both men were hurt. Shields was still feeling the effects after the bout.

Randy stated after the bout, "Boy! there are no stiffs in this tournament. Where did that guy come from?"

The No-1 world rated middleweight, Mike Colbert, put on a great display of boxing. He came out like King Kong, but a game boxer from New England called Jackie Smith came to fight.

Smith took a beating all the way, but would not quit. He was decked in the second round with a left hook. This was the only knockdown of the day. He was up and saved by the bell. Colbert tried to put him away in the third, but no go, Smith was there to stay.

From the fourth on Mike just worked landing all sorts of combos and left hooks plus upper-cuts which kept Smith at bay. The crowd cheered Jackie for staying in there, and the New England tiger became the hero of the day.

In the dressing room Colbert said, "I had ten ounce gloves instead of eight, but no matter, I won the way I wanted, got a good workout and showed the public what I can do. The thing I like about this tournament is that the officials bend over backwards for the boxers.

"The weigh-in the day before the contest is great for the fighter. It gives him a whole day to rest and get strong instead of running from a weigh-in to eat then sleep for a couple of hours before the fight."

Over in Smith's dressing room he was asked what kept him up. He said, "This guy is not a great puncher. Besides, it only takes one punch to turn a fight around, and for this kind of money there was no way I was going to quit."

The light heavyweight contest between Bobby Cassidy and Willie Taylor was toe-to-toe for all eight rounds.

Taylor was the "bull," he moved in landing hard shots to the 32-year-old part-time actor and boxer's body. Cassidy was in good shape. He used his southpaw style to move the bulling Taylor from side to side, and scored some good right hooks and left hand shots to the head.

The bout was even going into the seventh round. It looked like this might be the first sudden-death boxing match in the history of boxing. (If the bout is a draw after eight rounds, an extra round round will be boxed. The winner of same would then be awarded the contest.)

Luckily for Cassidy, he pulled the bout out with a heavy attack in the seventh and eighth to gain a split nod. The No-6 ranked world light heavyweight looked like he couldn't have gone another round. This was a tough contest.

Bobby, with actor Bert Young who appeared with Bobby in the movie "Rocky," said "This is only the quarter-finals, I wonder what other killers they have lined up for me."

As for Taylor, he said, "I felt I won, but I'm not disappointed. I fought a top ranked boxer and lost a split nod. I'll be back. I didn't lose here, I won."

The heavyweight match on the card had undefeated Larry Holmes against Tom Prater. Holmes, ranked No-4 in the world, was expected to walk over the unknown Prater. Again, what this tournament is about, the young of America getting a chance showed up. Although he lost a unanimous eight round decision, Prater made Holmes work for the victory.

The first round looked like the last with Holmes landing some good lefts and rights to the head of the pressing Prater. But for some reason Larry couldn't put Tom away or even deck him.

During the rest of the contest Larry would open up and just about be ready for the kill, when Prater would come back and land good shots to the head of Holmes.

In rounds seven and eight each took turns tagging the other, with Prater winning his only round in the eighth, as Larry tried to jab and dance to a decision.

Holmes stated, "I was off too long, and this cat could really

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(Left) Among the celebrities to attend the opening round of the tournament was ex-heavyweight great Joe Louis, seen with Captain Jack White aboard the Lexington. (Below) Captain Jack White pauses to talk to fighters participating in the quarter-finals, from left to right: heavyweight Tom Prater, welterweight Randy Shields, light heavy Willie Taylor, and lightweight Johnny Sullivan.

Serrano, 130 Champ, KO's Herrera in 11

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINEZ

(Above) Jr. lightweight champion Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico, is lifted after he kayoed Ecuador's Alberto Herrera in the 11th round of their Guayaquil, Ecuador, title-bout. (Below) Herrera crumples to the mat from the right cross which ended the fight.

GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR — With the 11th round barely a minute gone, W.B.A. junior lightweight title holder Samuel Serrano landed an uppercut that deposited his Ecuadorian rival, Alberto Herrera, flat on his back for the fatal ten count. This was Serrano's first defense since winning the title from Ben Villaflor in San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently.

It was also the first title affair to take place in Ecuador, a land blessed with plenty of petroleum, but limited boxing talent.

Herrera, who is listed as being anywhere from 32 to 38 years of age, claimed to have a record of 49 bouts with 47 victories, one draw and only one loss (to Rigoberto Riasco) prior to the Serrano set-to. Among his alleged victories are listed Argentinian Victor Echegaray, whom he beat by decision, Costarican Jose Marin, whom he kayoed in one heat and Mexican Ricardo Arredondo, who also lost in ten heats.

Against Serrano he had a brief moment of superiority in the very first round when he surprised his rival with a short right cross to drop him for the automatic eight count. However, he failed to follow through on his advantage, displaying extreme respect for the titleholder in the remainder of the first round as well as throughout the fight.

Herrera's southpaw style proved troublesome at times, but he was always a sucker for a right cross, and was continually being pounded with this blow. He did cause some excitement among his local cohorts in the sixth round when he was quite effective with a

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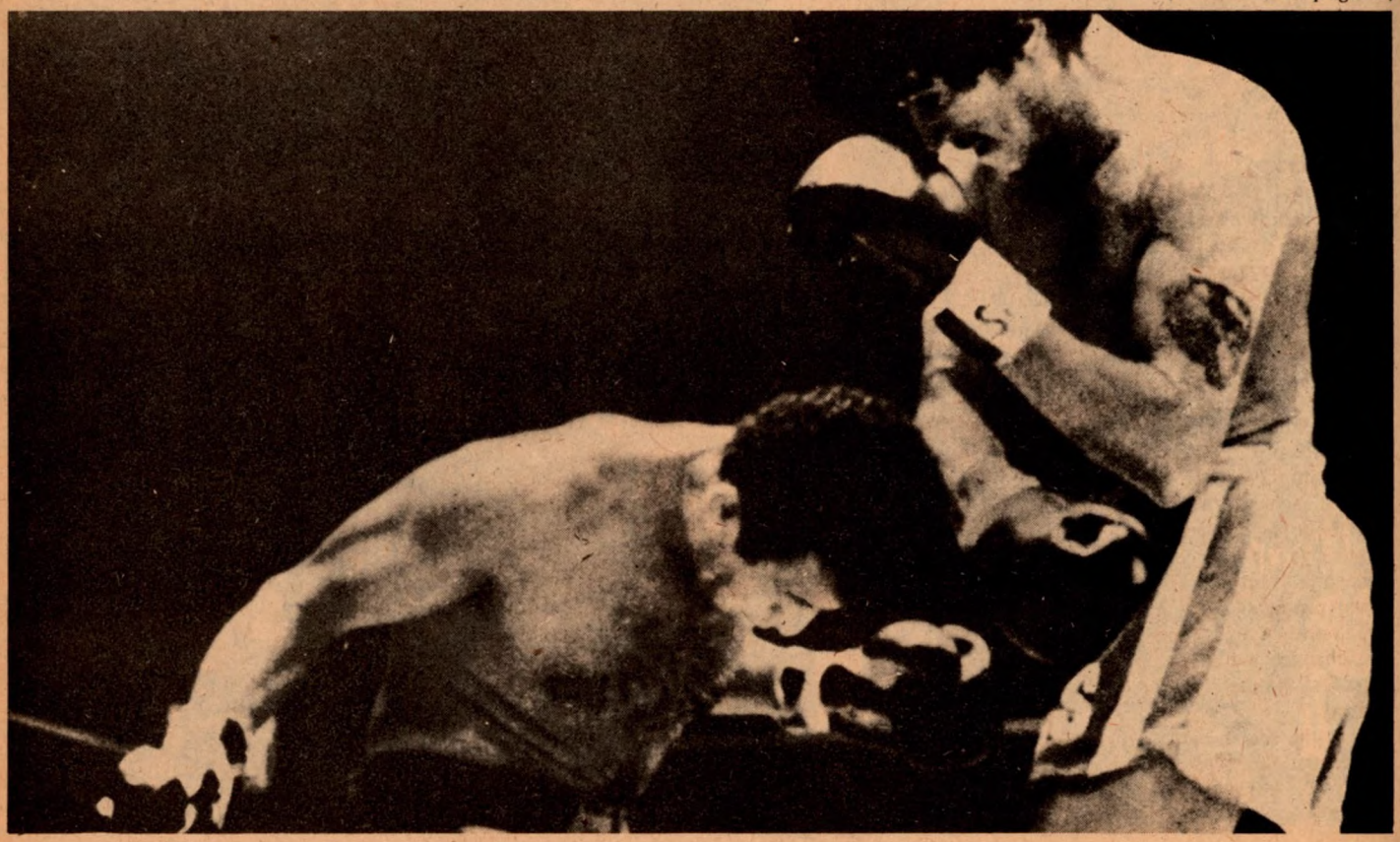

WBA FLY KING, ESPADAS, KO'S TAKADA IN SEVEN

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — Incessant puncher Guty Espadas, Mexico's WBA flyweight champion, swarmed over Jiro Takada of Japan from the start, dropped him in the third round, and went on to stop the Orient leader with a furious attack in the seventh round. Some 6,000 spectators were amazed to see the shorter Mexican lopsidedly batter Takada with a whirlwind rally at Nihon University Auditorium.

Espadas, 21-year-old puncher, weighing 111¼ pounds to Jiro's 112, had taken the WBA version of the fly title from Alfonso Lopez, Panama, whom he floored five times to win an upset thirteenth round kayo despite a points deficit in Los Angeles last October. It was the first setback for speedster Lopez, who had made a sharp display of fists and feet in defeating Shoji Oguma, lefty Japanese, in 15 unanimous frames in Tokyo, April last year.

Espadas' power punching, which brought him to 27-2-5 with 17 kayoes, was respected and studied by Takada's corner, which had intended that the 23-year-old Nipponese should utilize his longer lefts and faster legs and not exchange reckless rallies with Espadas. However, Guty showed a determination to finish the taller Takada as soon as possible, tossing heavier punches to the face and taking the first two rounds. In round three, Takada was sent five feet back to the canvas by Guty's jolting strong left hook, and the third man, Lay Servio, called a compulsory eight count against the former.

Though Takada, with the advantages of three inches in height and as many in reach, gamely fought back with his weapon, a swift one-two, and lasted the round, it would have been a great mistake for Jiro to respond to the powerful Guty in a close quarter rally. Takada, himself, might try to avert mutual exchanges toe-to-toe, but Espadas rushed in so fast that he gave Jiro little space to move away.

In the fourth and fifth sessions, which the Yucatan fighter dominated clearly, Takada's left eye began to be puffed and then com-

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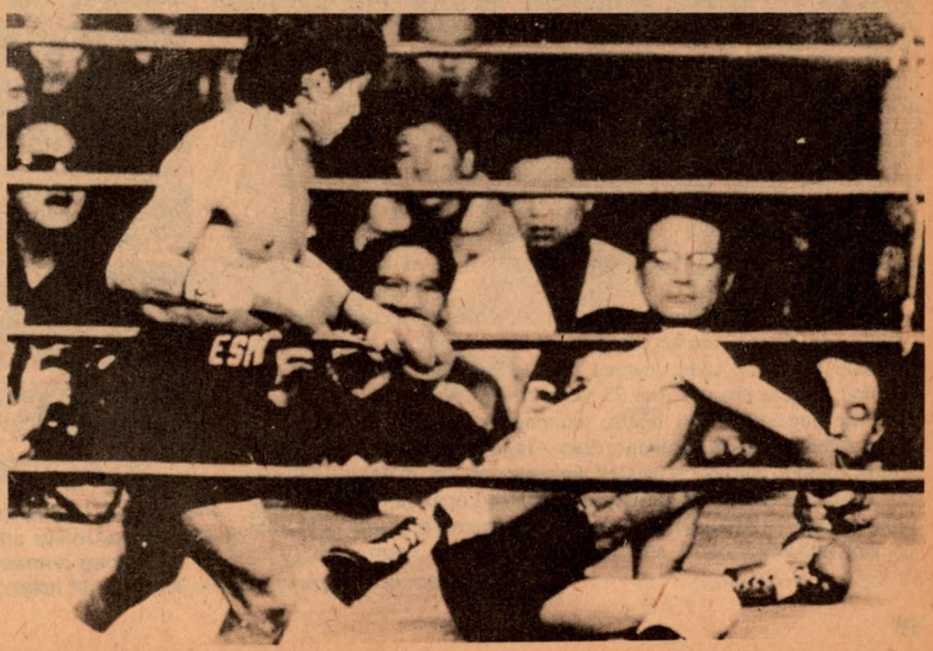
Japan's Jiro Takada took a lot of punishment from Mexico's Guty Espadas en route to Guty's win. (Above) Takada takes a straight right to the face, (right) the Nipponese doubles over from the impact of a hard left, and (below) Takada hits the canvas in round two of the Tokyo title-bout.



BURNETT WHIPS RASCON IN FOUR

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — Rated light heavyweight Jessie Burnett, California, at 173¼, entered the ring at Korakuen Hall under the name of Jessie Misako, which was given to him by promoter Hitoshi Misako who hopes to put together a title contest with John Conteh, of Britain, here next spring.

Jessie made an impressive debut in Tokyo as he lopsidedly whipped Mexico's Bobby Rascon with sharp leathers, dropped him twice and knocked him out midway in the fourth round of the tune-up game.

The bleeding loser, Rascon, as heavy as Jessie but his senior by five years at 35, proved no match for the elongated Burnett in their exchanges.

Some 1,200 spectators came to see the third card of foreign fighters since the 15 rounders of Muhammad Ali decisioning Mac Foster in 1972 and George Foreman flattening Joe King Roman in the first session in 1973. The Japan Boxing Commission forbids foreigners to be booked to fight here chiefly in order to protect interests and rights of national fighters and managers.

Hitoshi Misako, known as an able handler of ex-junior middleweight champion Koichi Wajima, also a top flyweight contender against Pascual Perez some 20 years ago, showed a unique solution against the stubborn JBC rules. Misako wanted to have a light heavyweight title competition take place in Tokyo, where no strong fighters over the middleweight class have been seen, and decided to import Burnett, then make him a member of the Misako Club, as though the Californian were a native Japanese fighter. Now Jessie "Misako" was born at the hands of the 42-year-old short, clever manager.

The heavier the fighters are, the more interested the Japanese people are, as they are accustomed to smaller, native born fighters.

Jessie, like Ron Lyle, learned how to stand up and fight in prison, and made a pro debut at 25 years of age in 1972.

Jessie engaged in 20 bouts, winning 16 (seven by knockouts), against three defeats and one draw. In his first year as a professional rookie, Burnett remained unbeaten in six matches, stopping Steve Stark in four and outpointing Alvaro Lopez in eight. In 1973, although the ambitious fellow wanted to appear on more occasions, he had only two bouts and won both, against Jimmy Lester and

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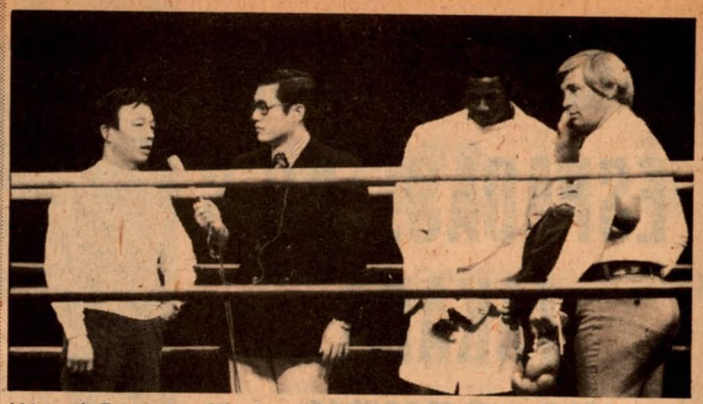
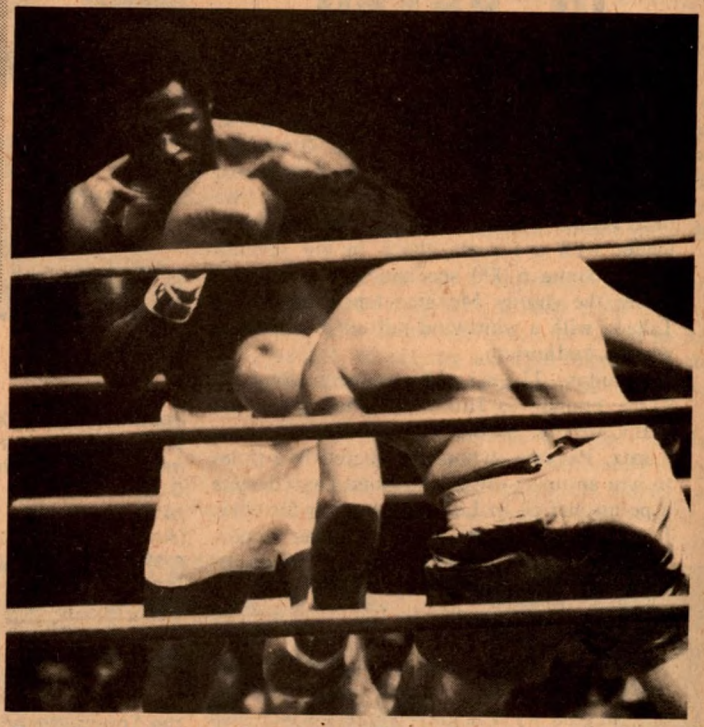
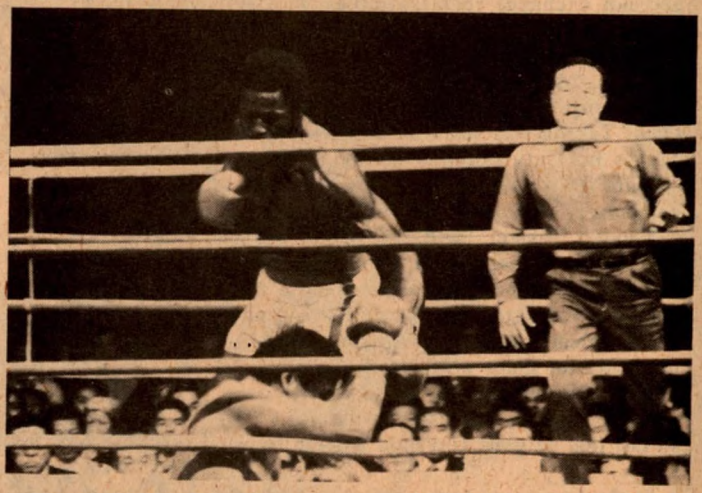


(Above) Promoter Misako, left, is interviewed in Jesie Burnett's corner after the fourth round KO. Misaka adopted Jessie into his stable prior to the bout.

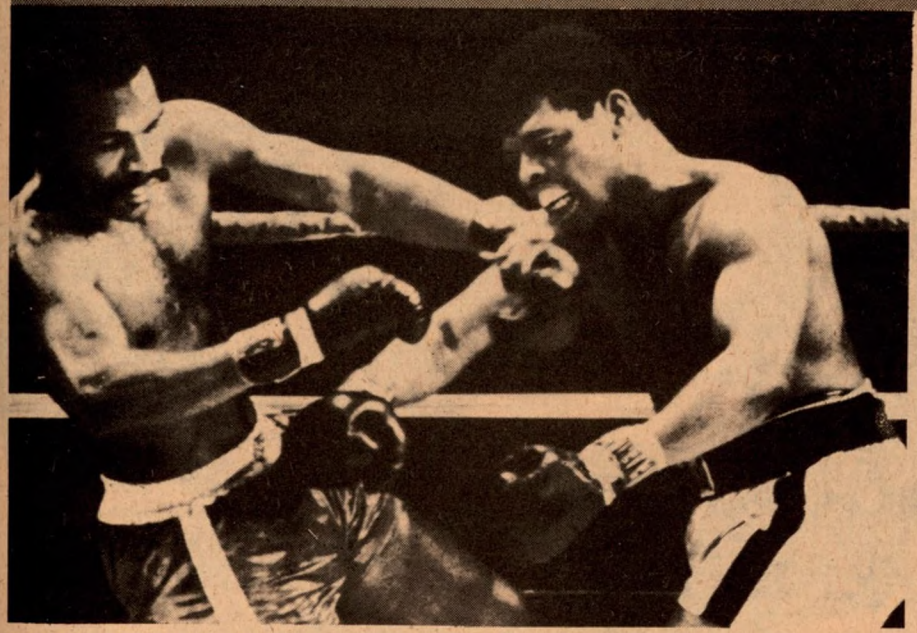


Burnett, rear, blocked punches effectively, countered with well timed rights and lefts, and floored Rascon twice before he knocked out the Mexican.



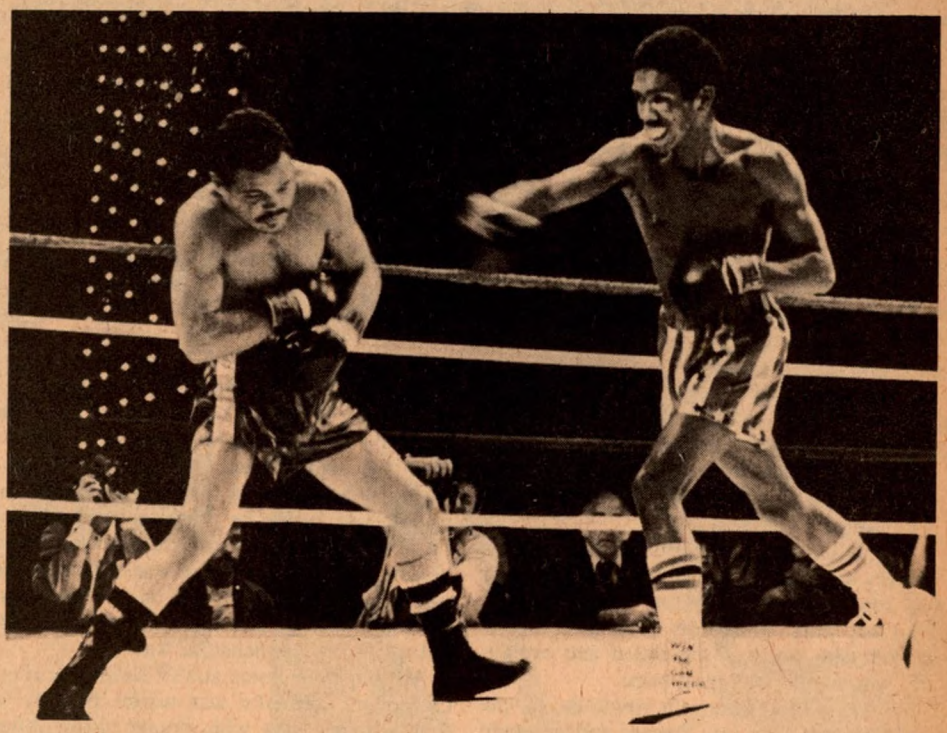
(Above) California's Burnett pummels Mexico's Bobby Rascon into the ropes and down to the floor to be counted out by the onrushing referee, Takeo Ugo, midway through round four of the Tokyo light heavyweight contest.

Davis and Spinks Make Pro Debuts



(Right) Leon Spinks, light heavyweight Gold Medalist of the Montreal Olympics, St. Louis, connects with a hard left to the mid-section of "Lightning" Bob Smith, Los Angeles, during the Las Vegas bout. (Above) Spinks finishes off Smith in the fifth round. (Lower right) Lightweight Howard Davis, Also a Gold Meadlist, Glen Cove, New York, follows through on a right which rocked Jose Resto, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Davis, winner of the Val Barker Trophy for the outstanding Olympic boxer, won a unanimous six round nod.

By SEAN MARSHALL



LAS VEGAS, Nevada — Few Olympic champions have made their professional debuts with more fanfare than Leon Spinks and Howard Davis, Gold Medalists in Montreal last summer.

It's true, of course, that Pete Rademacher, the 1956 heavyweight winner in Melbourne, did have the unique experience of fighting for the world championship in his very first pro outing. But Pete was splashed on the canvas seven times and stopped in the sixth round by Floyd Patterson, another former Olympic Gold Medalist.

In contrast, Spinks, from St. Louis, and Davis, from Glen Cove, New York, were impressive winners on a nationally televised card staged at the Aladdin Hotel here.

Spinks, who won the light heavyweight title in the Olympics, registered a fifth round TKO over "Lightning" Bob Smith, of New York City, in a heavyweight bout scheduled for six rounds.

Davis, the lightweight Gold Medalist at Montreal and winner of the Val Barker Trophy as the outstanding fighter in the 1976 Olympics, exuded class in a six-round decision win over Jose Resto, another New Yorker.

The double debut of the Olympians took the spotlight away from the featured fight of the afternoon card, a ten-rounder in which California state heavyweight champ Howard Smith, of Los Angeles, got off the deck in the first round to pound out a unanimous decision over Henry Clark, of San Francisco.

The Smith-Clark bout was marked by an unusual occurrence. With the contest barely a minute old, the referee, former middleweight Ferd Hernandez, suffered a seizure and dropped to the canvas. The ringside physician, Dr. Donald Romeo, im-

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By MARSHALL REED

PHOTO STORY: RING LEGEND ROCKY MARCIANO

Legend—One having a special status as a result of possessing or being held to possess extraordinary qualities that are usually partly real and partly mythical.

—Webster's Third New International Dictionary

THE RING is, among many other things, the keeper of boxing's legends.

Were one to go through a month's mail at random, or tap the wires of a week's telephone calls, it would quickly become apparent that among the champions of past and present, there are legends and there are non-legends.

Never mind the chemistry that makes Jack Dempsey a legend and Gene Tunney, his two-time conqueror, something less in public esteem.

Never mind the unique blend of blarney and ability that has made Muhammad Ali a legend in his own time.

Never mind the certainty with which fight fans who never even saw him will tell you that Sugar Ray Robinson, pound for pound, is the greatest ever to grind his ring shoes into resin-dusted canvas.

The fact is that there are legends and ordinary mortals.

And Rocky Marciano must be placed in the former category. Rocky's popularity today transcends what it was when he was heavyweight champion.

The Italian-American community, in particular, has a deep and abiding affection for this son of a poor Brockton, Massachusetts, cobbler; this one-time pick-and-shovel worker who sweated and toiled and eventually won boxing's biggest prize.

He was a champion with which the people could identify. He was strong, and he could punch hard. There was nothing of the fancy dan, the slick boxer, in him. He would have laughed if his trainer, Charley Goldman, had ever suggested he ought to learn something called a "shuffle." There was no show biz in Rocky. He was just a guy who worked with his hands. And how he worked!

Mind-pictures of Marciano are frozen in the memory of every fan who ever saw him in action. Rocky mashing Jersey Joe Walcott's face as if it were a piece of silly putty. Rocky spouting blood from a horrendous cut on his nose before he came on to knock out Ezzard Charles. Rocky breaking the blood vessels in Roland LaStarza's arms so that the challenger could hardly lift them afterwards. Rocky punching, and the other men falling, falling. What a puncher he was!

All that brute force stayed inside the ring. Outside of it Rocky was warm, friendly, a family-loving man with simple tastes. After he retired, he spent much time amid the tinsel and glitter of movieland and TV studios, but when he'd happen to run into someone he'd known from the old days it was to talk wistfully of the family and of the fun he

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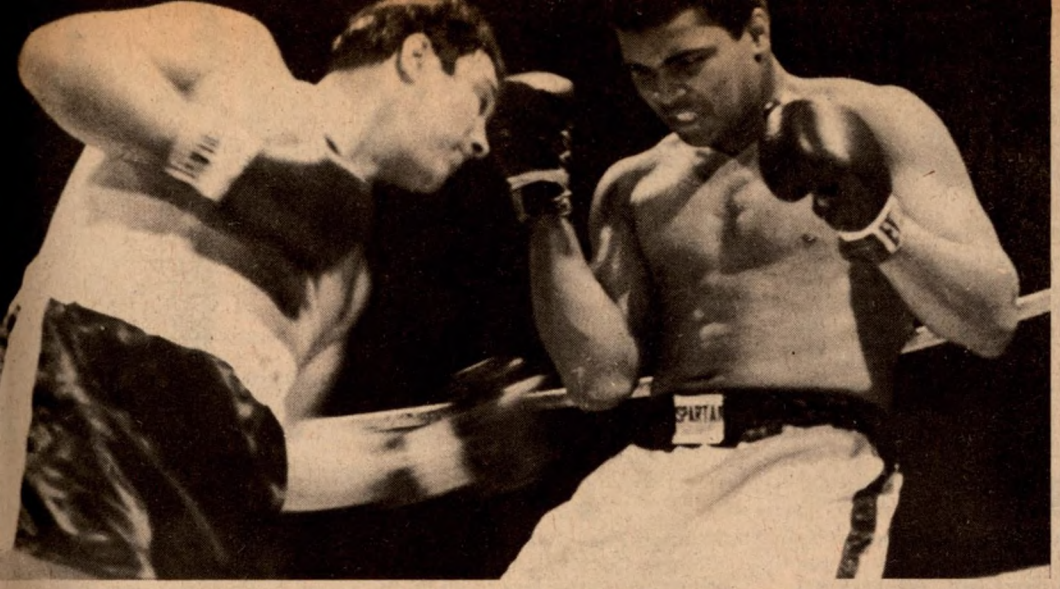
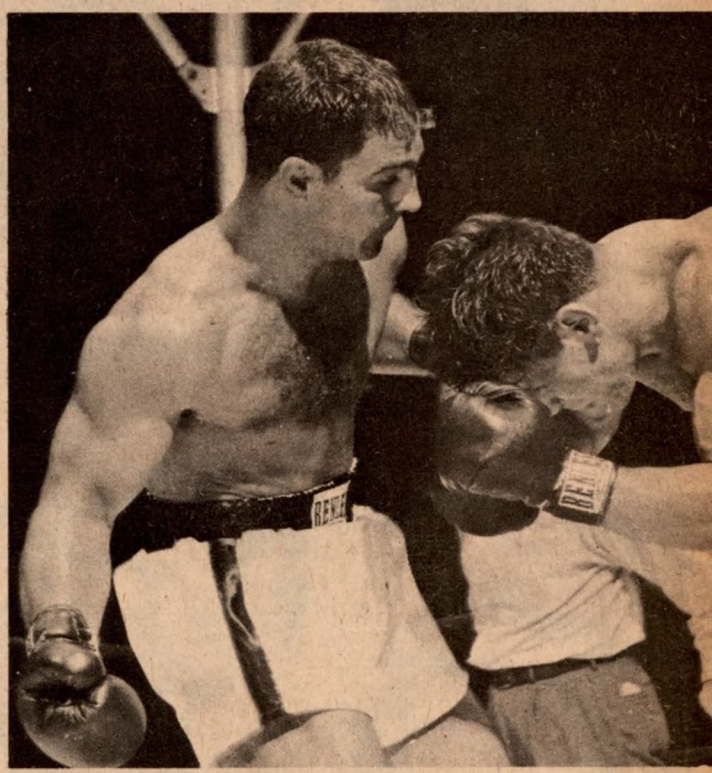
"The Rock" was the peoples' champ--a boxer and person with which the average man could identify.

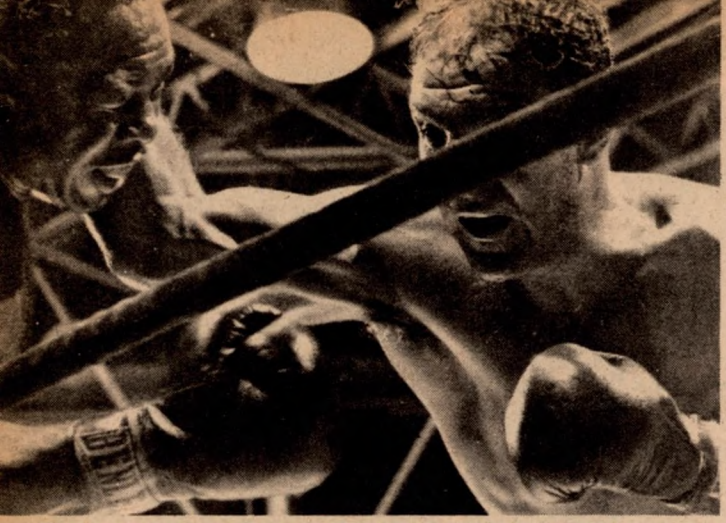


(Above) Rocky Marciano fires away at Muhammad Ali, but the 1969 meeting of the two legendary fighters was just a stunt for a filmed, computerized "super fight" which Rocky won. (Right) This was for real, with Ezzard Charles on the deck in second round of their 1954 title bout. Marciano scored an eight-round KO.

(Below) The Brockton Rock has Briton Don Cockell doing an involuntary rope-a-dope in the seventh round at San Francisco. Two rounds later the referee stopped it.



Rocky uncorks a haymaker against Roland LaStarza in their 1953 title match. The fight in New York's Polo Grounds ended in the eleventh.



Rocky ends his work, landing the right that sent challenger Archie Moore down for the full count in the ninth round of their 1955 clash. It was Marciano's 49th straight win, his 43rd KO. Seven months later he retired.

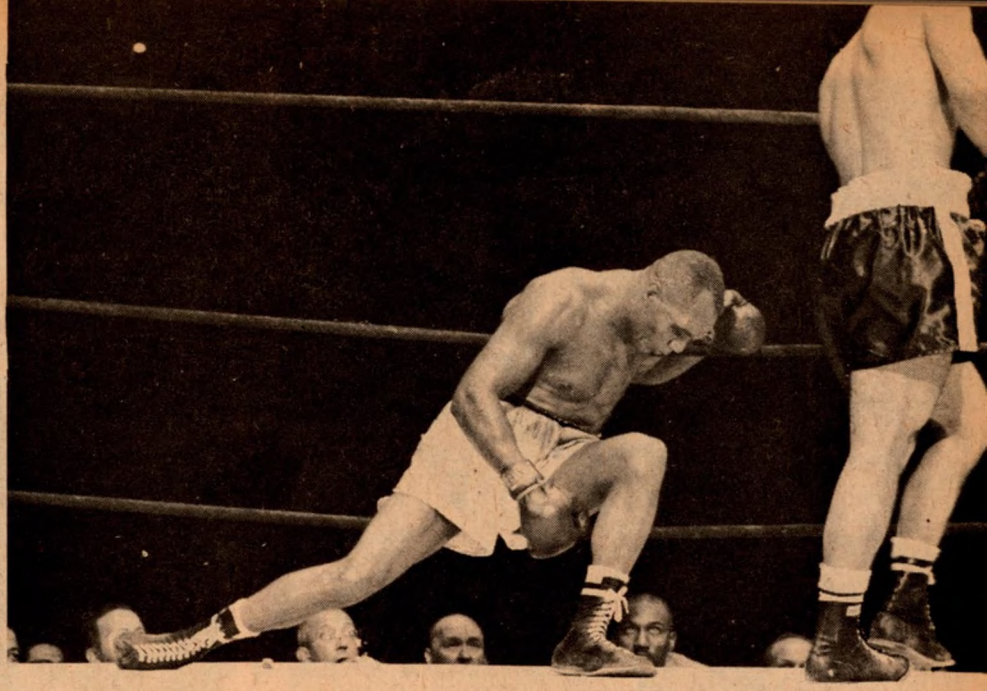
Although Rocky was retired, he wasn't idle. With a movie role in "College Confidential," he gives star actress Mamie Van Doren some tips on the way to strike the speed bag, and appears to be enjoying his work.

A training camp visit from Jack Dempsey is a fun time for both Rocky and his trainer, Charley Goldman.

The retired undefeated heavyweight champ shows TV's late Ed Sullivan how it feels to be on the receiving end of his famed "Suzy-Q" right-hand punch.

Hollywood's Cathy Crosby, Jayne Meadows and Steve Allen admire "Deputy Sheriff" Marciano.

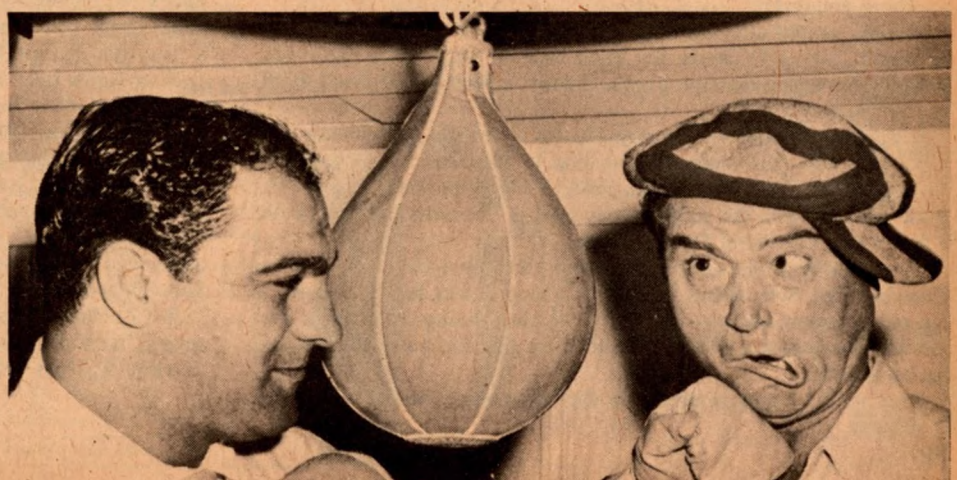
Jersey Joe Walcott makes an unforgettable picture as he crumples against the ropes and Marciano strides away, having landed the punch in 13th round that won him the title on September 23, 1952.

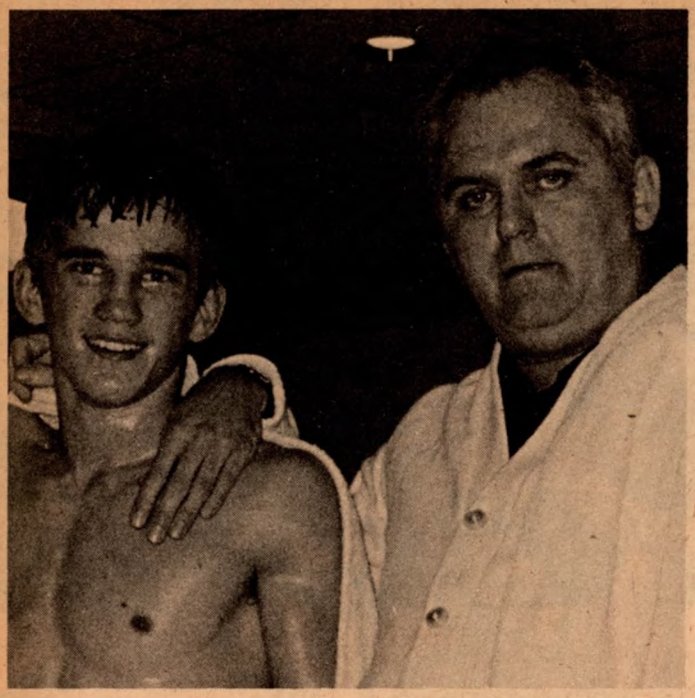


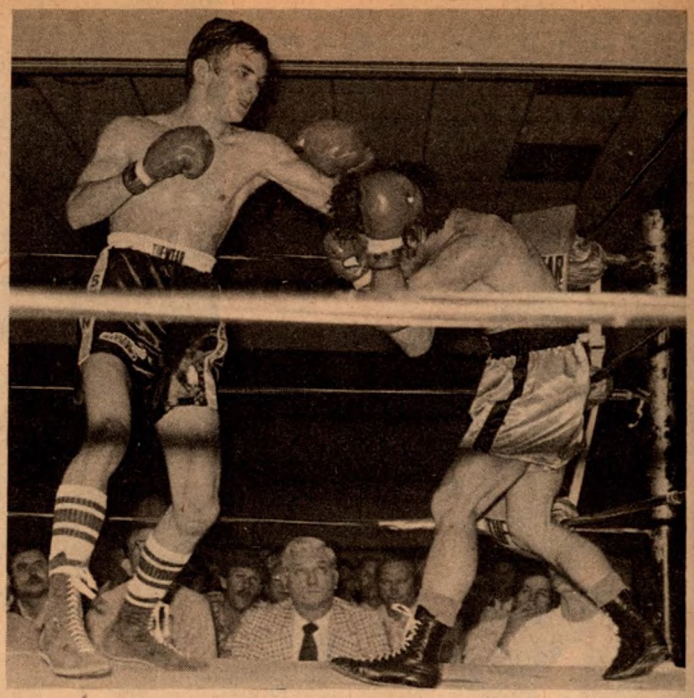
(Below) Nat Fleischer, the late editor and publisher of THE RING, presents Marciano with the first of three Fighter of the Year awards that he won.

Rocky glad-hands Swedish heavyweight Ingemar Johansson, who was training for his 1959 bout with Floyd Patterson, then the champion. Ingo's right polished off Floyd in the third round.

Rocky was at home among celebrities from all walks of life. (Right) He hams it up with comedian Red Skelton. (Above) He visits with the late Chicago Mayor, Richard Daley.







(Above left) Oklahoma City's Sean O'Grady, a baby faced high school student who is rated by RING in the top ten of the world ratings, poses with his promoter-father, Pat. (Above right) Sean is caught in the process of landing a hard left-right combination to the head of Raul Carreon. O'Grady won a fifth round KO over Carreon, who hadn't lost a fight in five years.

The Bantams' 'Green Machine,' Sean O'Grady

By TOM PARKER

OKLAHOMA City's teenager terror, Sean O'Grady, climbed up a few more notches towards his ultimate goal, a world title fight for the bantamweight championship, with a fifth-round TKO over defending North American super bantamweight title holder, Raul "Baby Face" Carreon, Phoenix, Arizona, December 7, 1976, in a scheduled 15-round title bout.

The victory, scored in impressive and decisive style, was the 41st in 42 professional fights, and the 37th knockout by the lethal punching youngster.

Already sought after by boxing promoters throughout the pugilistic world, young O'Grady has been flooded with offers since his sharply-punctuated triumph over a champion who hadn't lost a fight in five-years.

It was on the night of January 21, 1975, that the leprechaun-like little Irish boy, not old enough to box in the open division of the Golden Gloves and judged too good to enter the novice division, made his start with the fight-for-pay boxers. He won that fight with a first round kayo over David Tymes.

Since that fight the school boy from Oklahoma City's Northwest Classen High School has compiled a record that has the world's top-rated bantamweights and featherweights shying away from the lad who resembles a choir boy and fights like the hounds of Hades are after him.

Sean took 17 opponents out in the first round, chilled six in the second, stopped 10 in the third, two more went out in the fourth and the remaining two in the fifth and sixth rounds. Only two boxers have gone the route, Ramon Campos going six and ten rounds in O'Grady's tenth and 16th fights, and Harvey "Candyman" Wilson lasting the 10 round distance in the 18th and 20th matches. Neither fighter ever wanted a part of the little "Green Machine" again.

On December 16, 1975, Sean won his first championship by knocking out Al "Bubba" Thompson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to annex the bantamweight championship of the Sooner state. The end came in the third round with a whistling left hook that cracked like a rifle shot against Thompson's chin.

Four fights later the undefeated young boxer met his Waterloo in a fight that many felt he wasn't quite ready for. In the Los Angeles Forum, February 25, 1976, Danny "Little Red" Lopez, now the featherweight champion of the world, won on a TKO in the fourth round to stop O'Grady's winning streak at 29.

Twelve fights and as many knockouts later, the courageous little "Green Machine" showed his new maturity by winning the North American super bantamweight title over Carreon in a bout that knowledgeable ring buffs termed "his best showing ever."

As a result of that fight and his impressive record, the teen-aged terror was offered a title fight in the same Los Angeles Forum against the current world bantamweight champion,

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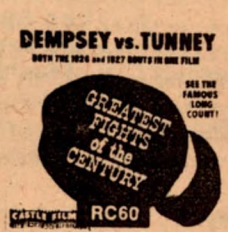

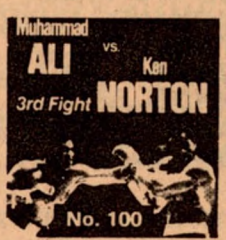

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ESTEBAN DEJESUS** ..... Puerto Rico
2—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
3—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
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7—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Colombia
9—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
2—TYRONE EVERETT† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, N.Y.
4—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
5—BEN VILLAFLOR ..... Philippines
6—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
7—BLAKENEY MATTHEWS ..... South Africa
8—REUBEN CASTILLO ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
9—SIGFREDO RODRIGUEZ ..... Mexico
10—EZEQUIEL SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO ..... Nicaragua
1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—JOSE CERVANTES ..... Colombia
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
4—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
5—EDER JOFRE ..... Brazil
6—YUM DONG-KYUN ..... South Korea
7—PEDRO JIMINEZ ..... Spain
8—DAVID KOTEY POISON ..... Ghana
9—RAFAEL ORTEGA* ..... Panama
10—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—RAUL TIRADA ..... Mexico
5—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
6—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ROBERT RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
8—SALVATORE FABRIZIO ..... Italy
9—DANIEL TRIOULAIRE ..... France
10—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—GUTTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
3—JORGE LUJAN ..... Panama
4—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
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SAMUEL SERRANO
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

WORLD junior lightweight king Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico, won this month's award with his 11th round kayo over Ecuador's Alberto Herrera at Guayaquil, Ecuador. Samuel recovered from a first round knockdown to halt Herrera in the 11th round. Also in the running for the month were Shengsak Muangsurin, Bennie Briscoe, Walter Seeley, Mike Colbert, Larry Holmes, Clyde Gray, Elisha Obed, Bobby Cassidy, Mike Ayala and Johnny Sullivan.

Muangsurin, W.B.C. junior welterweight king, battered Los Angeles' Monroe Brooks to win in the 15th round of their title contest held in Thailand. This was Monroe's first defeat.

Philadelphia's Bennie Briscoe bounced back from his draw with unranked Willie Warren to win a close, but hard fought, ten round decision in Philadelphia over Karl Vinson, of Los Angeles, California.

Junior lightweight Walter Seeley was hard pressed to beat Winston-Salem's Hilbert Stevenson in a close eight round bout in the U.S. Championship Tournament held in Pensacola, Florida, aboard the aircraft carrier Lexington.

Also appearing on the same card Mike Colbert, Portland, Oregon, the world number one middleweight, outpointed Boston's Jackie Smith in eight. Heavyweight Larry Holmes, Easton, Pennsylvania, in another U.S. Tournament bout, beat Indianpolis's Tom Prater, eight rounds.

Canadian welterweight king Clyde Gray scored a ten round nod over Minneapolis's Rafael Rodriguez in Montreal. On the same card former W.B.C. junior middleweight king Elisha Obed, Nassau, Bahamas, won a ten rounder from Canadian Fernand Marcotte.

Irish Bobby Cassidy moved into the semi-final round of the light heavyweight division of the U.S. Tournament with an eight round split nod over Brooklyn's Willie Taylor.

Featherweight Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas, captured the

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Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

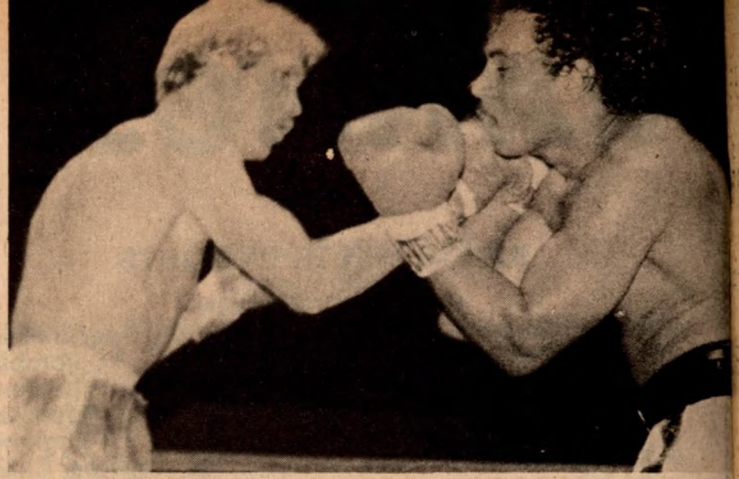
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	PRO Debut	TOTAL Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Greg Johnson	6/75	9	7	2	0	4
New York, N.Y.						
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Tommy Sullivan	9/76	5	5	0	0	5
Portland, Ore.						
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Ray Phillips	7/75	11	11	0	0	3
Topeka, Kansas						
WELTERWEIGHT						
Arcadio Suarez	3/76	6	6	0	0	4
New York, N.Y.						

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Johnny Sullivan	4/72	18	15	2	1	9
Kearny, N.J.						
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Hilbert Stevenson	4/73	31	23	6	2	16
Winston-Salem, N.C.						
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Freddie Gonzalez	2/74	15	8	6	1	2
Los Angeles, Calif.						
FLYWEIGHT						
Francisco Marquez	5/73	21	16	3	3	11
Draws						

"Model" Welterweight Johnny Turner

By FRED EISENSTADT



Johnny Turner, left, turns on the heat against tough ring rival Pedro Pagan. Turner has a perfect record of 17 wins out of 17 bouts since he turned pro.

MANAGER Vern DePaul addressed a small group of boxing men—this writer included—who regularly gather at Jack Singer's Flame Steaks restaurant on 42nd St., and said that his undefeated Johnny Turner is a model ringman. Vern was regarded with undisguised puzzlement.

"You mean," finally inquired promoter Joe Garfield, "Turner is a model scholar in school?"

"Maybe Vern means," John Amodei voiced jocularly, "his boxer builds miniature homes, bridges and stuff."

"The dictionary explains MODEL this way," pointed out this reporter: "— that is in part—'serving as a model or standard of excellence.' And so far Turner has proven to be exactly that."

"Well, actually, aside from fighting," explained DePaul, "Johnny is a photographers' model, and has worked with "Esquire," "Penthouse" and "Cue." It proves the boxer has great confidence in his boxing ability, no fear of having his handsome features destroyed—which are much required for modeling. Turner is Irish, and a genuine fighter."

"That is partly true," spoke up the intelligent, soft-spoken ringman. "The money I earn in the ring is welcome, but my reason for fighting is that I like it. I enjoy winning and being appreciated by fans for giving a good performance."

Born in Coney Island, March 15, 1954, John Joseph Turner actually began exchanging punches at age 6, usually beating bigger kids. A high school graduate, he's the youngest of three brothers and three sisters. "Of 58 amateur bouts," informed manager DePaul, "Johnny won 46, and a good number of titles: North American championship, PAL, Puerto Rican Golden Gloves. He's traveled to foreign countries for fights, and, oh year, Johnny twice defeated, in the amateurs, tough Dom Monaco, now a successful pro."

When Johnny was asked if any of his brothers had taken up boxing, he shrugged and muttered, "Yeah, my oldest brother Tom—only tried it." The model boxer went on to say that he likes football, but not as much as boxing, that he regularly attends church, is a good swimmer, has a pet dog, owns an automobile and goes hunting and fishing.

"My favorite fighter," stated the tall pugilist, "was—and still is—Sugar Ray Robinson. I try to pattern my fistic style to that of the former five-time title holder."

Turner became a pro late in 1974. He has won all of his 17 bouts, thirteen by the KO route. "Johnny's never really been hurt in the ring," Vern DePaul hastened to inform. "Never been dropped. He loves to train, and works out at the Gramercy Gym, under the direction of veteran Tony Canzi, an able and experienced trainer."

"Do you have a hobby?" I asked the refined young boxer.

"Well," he replied, "I like teaching kids the art of self-defense. I feel that all boys should know how to box. I also like to dance—with a girl, of course, and listen to disco music."

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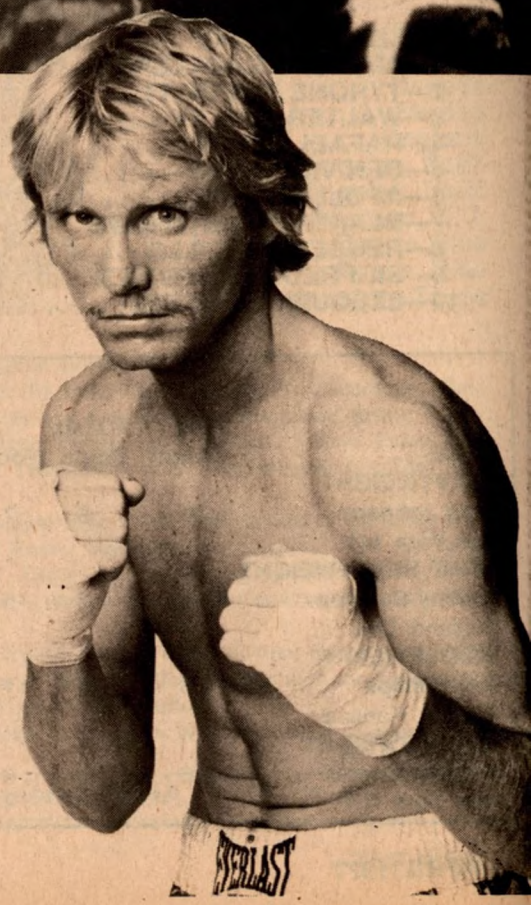


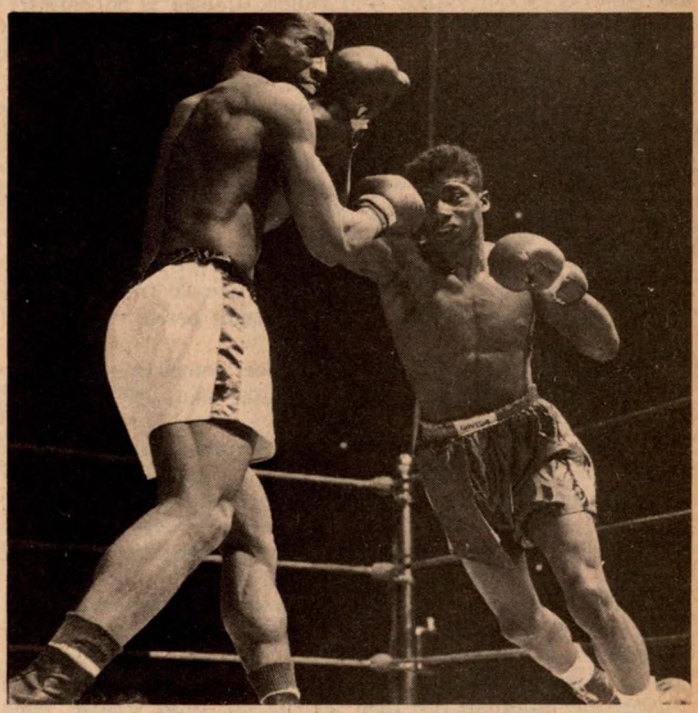
Johnny, seen (above left) in amateur action, chalked up an impressive record before turning pro, and won titles in the North American championship, PAL tournament, and the Puerto Rican Golden Gloves. (Right) The good looking Turner has worked with "Esquire," "Penthouse," and "Cue" as a model.

Olin & Krieger First of Many Intercity Stars to Achieve Fame

By JACK SMITH

INTERCITY RIVALRY AGAIN BREAKS OUT APRIL 18.

Muhammad Ali, then Cassius Clay, stops Gary Jawish, New York, in the 1960 Intercity Golden Gloves bouts at Madison Square Garden. Clay was on the Chicago team.



(Right) Floyd Patterson, right, New York, punches out a decision against Eddie Jones, Chicago, in the 1952 Intercity Bouts in New York.

ONE of the oldest, hardest fought and most spectacular rivalries in boxing annals, the Intercity Golden Gloves bouts, rouses from a 16 year slumber and breaks out once again on Monday night, April 18 at Madison Square Garden. As they did for so many years before, the finest Golden Glovers in New York will square off against the best in Chicago in the 35th renewal of one of amateur boxing's outstanding events.

It all goes back to 1928 when Don Maxwell, sports editor of the "Chicago Tribune," challenged the late Paul Gallico, then sports editor of "The News." Gallico had originated the Golden Gloves the year before. The challenge was New York against Chicago, the best Golden Glovers in the East against the best in the West, 16 bouts, two at each of the then eight standard weight limits, with each bout to count one point toward team honors.

Gallico readily accepted, and the first Intercity Bouts were held before a capacity crowd at the Chicago Coliseum, on Saturday night, March 24, fifty years ago. The score was Chicago 8, New York 7 going into the final bout when New York heavyweight George Hoffman defeated Chicago's Walter Radke in a sensational bout and lifted New York to an 8-8 tie.

The event was so successful that it was continued for 34 consecutive years and mushroomed to include the best amateurs, not simply from Chicago and New York, but from all sectors of the country.

One of the hapless New York losers on that opening Intercity card in Chicago was a youngster named Bob Olin. Six years later, Nov. 16, 1934, young Olin defeated "Slapsie" Maxie Rosenbloom at Madison Square Garden and became the first Golden Glover ever to win a world championship.

One of the most jubilant of the New York winners on the same card was a youngster from Brooklyn, Danny Auerbach. Nine years later, June 27, 1939, Auerbach, who turned out to be Solly Krieger, defeated Al Hostak in Seattle to become the world middleweight champion.

Olin and Krieger. They were only the first of many Intercity stars to go on to fistic greatness and worldwide acclaim. In 1929, when Chicago invaded New York for the first time, they brought along with them an unheralded youngster named Barney Ross.

A scrappy 126 pounder, Ross faced New York's Al Santora, a seasoned ringster from Jersey City. The scheduled three rounds were so close, the judges ordered a fourth round, as the rules then allowed. After the fourth, the decision went to Ross.

From there the Chicago lad went on to become not only one of the greatest ringsters of all time, the lightweight champ of the world, but also one of the heroes of World War II.

In 1934, when Chicago again invaded New York, the card packed more boxing potential than ever before, or for that matter, ever since. At 175 pounds, a New York lefthander, Melio Bettina, squared off against an overblown light heavy from Chicago, Tony Zale. Zale had won the Chicago title at 160 pounds, but had been

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LaVonne Ludian: Boxing's New Breed of Woman

By MAXINE YEE

Welterweight boxer LaVonne Ludian, from Las Vegas, Nevada, is seen with Alexi Keyselov, a two time Silver Medalist and head coach of the USSR boxing team. Ludian, who is very serious about boxing, believes women in the sport are here to stay.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — LaVonne Ludian is no ordinary woman. Her hands are licensed as deadly weapons. . . .She is a professional boxer.

"I never hit anybody in my life until I started boxing," said the attractive brunette, a 5'-6" 146-pound welterweight.

Ludian has an easy smile and a bubbly personality, but she means business when she gets in the ring. Her concentration is cemented on her face, her eyes locked intently on her opponent, never wavering, hardly blinking. She delivers punches and accepts them in stride. It's all part of the game.

Boxing is new to her. Ludian's first experience in the ring was in April when she accepted a dare from a male friend to fight another woman. She trained for three months before entering the ring. It was a disaster.

"I really had no business in there," she reminisces. "I was so nervous I fought left-handed all through the bout, and my trainer didn't know enough to correct me!"

After that bout, which she lost by a decision, she dumped her trainer and acquired another. This time, it was Moe Macias, a former flyweight and bantamweight world contender.

Ludian credits Mike De John, an ex-heavyweight, and Joey Volpe, a former boxing instructor, with sustaining her interest in the sport, but it is Macias who has trained her.

"She's good, but she can be better if she remembers what I teach her," Macias says.

Ludian's most dangerous weapon is an explosive left jab, a blow that has flattened more than one unsuspecting opponent.

After that disastrous first fight, Ludian won seven straight, three by knockouts, two by TKOs and two by decisions.

Even now, she admits her first opponent, Princess Red Star, was her toughest. "She battered me from one end of the ring to the other, and I just took it," Ludian said.

The loss was spiritually defeating, but Ludian did not quit. Her refusal to give up has made her one of the highest-paid woman boxers. Although her per-bout pay is higher than what some men receive in preliminary bouts, she says the sport has a long way to go before a woman can support herself solely from ring earnings. "There just aren't that many opponents," Ludian said. "If I could get an opponent and box once a week, or even once every two weeks, I'd be making good money. But there aren't that many women interested in boxing."

Only a handful of states specifically allow women to box professionally, while in other states where there are no regulations against it, interest in the sport is very low, even among the men in the sport.

Ludian admits boxing is a violent sport, but counters by saying it requires skill and knowledge to win, not just brute strength. In the ring, it is survival of the fittest, both mentally and physically. . . but Ludian still hasn't gotten used to being slugged in the face or the stomach.

"Being a girl, I don't like to be hit," said the 29-year-old pugilist. "My vanity doesn't want me to have scratches or scars or blackeyes. That's why I go in there with the attitude to end the fight as fast as possible."

Ludian is especially conscious of her appearance because she is constantly in the public eye. She's a 21 dealer at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, a job she has held for 10 years.

She has gone into boxing with the same amount of dedication with which she has approached her job. She trains two hours a day, sparring and going through drills with Macias. When the gym is closed, the pair trains at a nearby park.

Ludian and Macias have an easy, bantering relationship, but Macias is no pushover.

"The first time I sparred with LaVonne I hit her so hard in the stomach she fell down," Macias laughed. "I wanted to find out whether she was serious about boxing, so I figured if she came back the next day, she was serious.

"She did come back, and I hit her in the stomach again. I knocked the wind out of her."

It was after that second day that Macias decided boxing was not a passing whim for Ludian. Since then, Macias has become friend, teacher and confidante. He still punches her in the stomach to make sure she remembers boxing is serious business, but at the same time he carries her lipstick in his pocket.

Ludian says she will never forget the first punch she landed on an opponent's head.

"My reaction was total amazement," she recounted. "During sparring we wear head gear, so you don't see the impact of the punches, but when I was in the ring and I landed my first blow on my opponent's head and saw the look—it was exciting."

She also remembers the first time she knocked down an oppo-

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MIAMI BOXING NOTES

By HANK KAPLAN

The revocation case of Promoter Chris Dundee's license to promote on Miami Beach continues with comedic overtones. It was determined, during Dundee's appeal, that the Boxing Commission committed a procedural error in failing to notify him of the meeting at which he was stripped of his license. Miami Beach Attorney Joseph Wanick ruled because of Dundee's successful appeal, that, legally he actually never lost his license. If the Miami Beach Boxing Commission would allow Chris Dundee to promote boxing shows like he has for 25 years on Miami Beach during one of the most successful reigns in boxing history, the world would become a better place to tolerate these sad days.

Hot as a firecracker and candidate for "Best Prospect award" welterweight Sammy Massias, of Homestead, is now 5-0-0 as a pro. The former Florida Golden Glove Welterweight champion during 1973 and 1974, who amassed a 60-5-1 record as an amateur is being handled by Joe Hanks and Benny Lonic. . . .Angelo Dundee was overjoyed at the news of the successful recovery of recent heart surgery of Joe Toro, a long time trainer and gym operator in Seattle. Angelo and Joe Toro manage Ibar Arrington together, and that worthy is making a name for himself in the Pacific Northwest. . . .Former world junior middleweight champion Elisha Obed is preparing with seriousness for his upcoming battle with a former victim, Fernand Marcotte, in Montreal, a meeting which should draw fans through the turnstiles. . . .After his victory over Jimmy Brackett in Allentown, Jose (Speedy) Gonzales looked most impressive with a lightweight win in 8 rounds over Frank Santore in the Orlando Stadium. . . .Talented young trainer Chuck Talhami had three winners this period with Vinnie Curto over Joe Grady in Boston, Ritchie Gonzalez over T. J. Jackson in Orlando and Speedy Gonzales over Frankie Santore in Orlando, and almost brought the bacon home with Frank Reiche as the middleweight champion of Germany dropped a controversial nod to Emile Griffith in Hamburg. . . .Tony Alongi, former heavyweight contender, currently a heavy real estate operator in Frazier, Pennsylvania, now visiting in Hollywood, Florida, with his family. . . .Former Newark flyweight Chappy Roberts is still keeping his mitts in boxing as he recently handled Sammy Massias in his Orlando win over Willie O'Bryan for win number five without a defeat. . . .Dwight Hott, of Tampa, recently acquired the show poster of the Stanley Ketchell-Mike (Twin) Sullivan bout at Colma in 1908.

JOE LIN BEATS UEHARA IN 10

By FELIPE J.C. GALANG

Manila — Joe Lin, 135 and No. 1 lightweight contender of the Philippines defeated Yatsusune Uehara, 134, and Japanese junior lightweight champion in 10 rounds at the Rizal Coliseum. The Japanese proved to be stronger of the two, but the Filipino was faster and more clever. In every exchange the Filipino was filing more points. Only the toughness of Uehara saved him from the canvas. The verdict was unanimous.

Leo Viajedor, 132 and No. 1 contender for the junior lightweight championship, badly outpointed Susumo Okabe, 129½, Japan, in ten rounds. Viajedor had taught the Japanese, No. 6 in the junior lightweights, the science of boxing. It was only the toughness of the Japanese that saved the night for a knockout.

Noli Garcia, 146½, kayoed Horoshi Kikichi, 145, in the third round scheduled for ten. Garcia was too strong for the Japanese slugger.

▲**Cebu City** — Flor Escobido, 108, and No. 1 junior flyweight of the islands, defeated Philip Tagupa, 107, in ten rounds. Tagupa could not penetrate thru Flor's defensive tactics and beat him in every punch. Escobido made the night very interesting. He made Tagupa look like a novice.

Jun Soriano, 119, kayoed Ric Diamale, 118½, in the fifth round of the supporting main event. Soriano proved that he was the stronger of the two. This program was promoted by Atty. Agustin Garcia.

▲**Banguet, Mountain Province** — Ray Tam, 130, beat Dony Soriano, 130, in ten rounds in the fistic program of Alberto Della. Both boys were evenly matched and started the fireworks from the first to the last bell. Soriano was a willing mixer but was at the receiving end of every exchange.

▲**Angeles City** — Many Ysrael, 135, won over Joe Almno, 134, in ten rounds. The fight was so close that the fans expected a draw, but when the decision was announced that Ysrael won by a split decision, many were disgusted because of betting. The verdict was alright, though, because Ysrael had the edge in the last rounds. It was promoted by Antonio Esguerra, the lone promoter of Pampanga province.

▲**Davao City** — Cerino Balaba, 130½, beat Boy Oliva, 129, in ten rounds. Balaba was a good boxer and countered most of the time, piling up points, but he is not a slugger.

Glen Orlanes, 114, bested Danila Berdida, 113, in ten. With the proper handling, Orlanes may prove to be a champion as he has the potential. The promoter was Andres Ong.

▲**Cagayan De Oro City** — Walter Naldo, 129, defeated Chuntae Yuh, 129, of Korea, in ten. In the early rounds Naldo was at the losing end, but as the fight lasted he had the upper hand. Naldo received the unanimous decision in his favor. It was promoted by L. Babiera.

▲**Cebu City** — Ramon Elorde, 129, junior lightweight champion of the Philippines, lost to Al Espinosa, 129, in the title bout of ten rounds. Elorde is the brother of Flash Elorde, and betting was heavy in his favor. Espinosa proved that he was the master of Ramon in all angles. Espinosa proved to be too clever and often caught Elorde flat-footed. The decision was unanimous.

Tito Gonzaga, 140½, bested Frisco Mantemayor, 144, in the supporting main event. They started the night of slugging toe to toe with Tito having the edge.

Ely Yares, 139, defeated Amie Perigrino, 137, in another ten. Veteran Yares made Perigrino miss most of his punches and landed his own. The decision was unanimous. The promoter was Lorezo Sy.

▲**Olongapo City** — Fred Pastor, 138, bested Danny Martarillas, 140, in ten. Fred landed his haymaker, but could not down his opponent. Danny was a tough nut to be cracked. Fred won in a split decision. He was under Antonio Esguerra.

▲**Cebu City** — Rolando Navarrete, 119, knocked out Yungshik Kim, 118½, of Korea, in the seventh of a scheduled ten. The slow moving Korean was not matched with his own style. The clever Rolando had easy going with his tough rival. Ben Aldeguer, 112, kayoed Julius Gonzaga, 111, in the sixth round. Ben had not had a hard time with Julius.

Daniel Pilar, 112, kayoed Jack Refugion, 110, in the sixth round of the supporting main event. Jack was the aggressor, but Daniel met him with counterpunches that all landed to his jaw. At the sixth Jack was no longer able to fight, so the referee raised Daniel's hand in token of victory.

▲**Davao City** — Nene Jun, 127, won over Chungtae Yuh, 127, of Korea, in ten rounds. The tough Korean was no match for the Filipino first class boxer as he proved his main asset is his toughness to last the limit. He is too slow for his size, however. It was promoted by Atty. Agustin Garcia.

SURKEIN IS NEW AAU CHIEF, TATE BIG IN POLAND

By MARSHALL REED

What do we do for an encore? That has to be the question uppermost in the mind of Robert J. Surkein, the new boss of amateur boxing in the United States.

Surkein's election as Amateur Athletic Union boxing chairman put him on the hot seat after a year of tremendous accomplishment by American boxers.

A former Olympic referee, chairman of the National AAU Rules Committee since 1963, and an official in both the Rome (1960) and Tokyo (1964) Olympiads, Bob Surkein also has been on the International Amateur Boxing Association Referee and Judges' Commission since 1967. And he is President of the Referee and Judges Commission from North, South and Central America.

The man from Moline, Illinois obiously has the credentials for the job, and this was recognized in his election by a landslide vote on the first ballot. He also faces a very big task.

Surkein, who is a retired Army major, is looking ahead to Moscow, 1980.

Under outgoing president Roland Schwartz, of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S. boxers won five golds at Montreal, a result of careful preparation that started as much as four years earlier.

"Hard work is the only way to deal with the job that confronts us," says Surkein, who until his election had been the secretary of the AAU's Boxing Committee.

Not only is it a problem to duplicate or better the achievements of the American fighters at Montreal, but the fact that the 1980 Games will take place in the Soviet Union poses an even more imposing obstacle.

"It could be like walking into a firetrap," Surkein says. He expects tremendous pressure from the Russians, not only on the athletes, but on officials from neutral countries.

"We have to be ready, and we will," he says.

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Jerry Dusenberry of Portland, Oregon, was re-elected as boxing chairman of the AAU's Junior Olympic program. . .The big amateur event of this month is the Golden Gloves Tournment of Champions in Honolulu, Hawaii, with some 320 boxers expected to compete. Leading up to the big one were tournaments in Iowa, Florida, Elizabeth, New Jersey; New Mexico, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Las Vegas, Nev., plus the Kansas Regionals in Hutchinson. . .Police Athletic League National Championships were held in Canton, Ohio, with Frank Cariello at the helm. . .Last summer's U.S. Olympic team has lost three to the professional ranks: Light-heavyweight Leon Spinks, light welterweight Ray Leonard, and lightweight Howard Davis, with more expected to follow. In addition, featherweight Davey Armstrong has announced his retirement from boxing.

Heavyweight John Tate, from Knoxville, Tennessee, made a strong impression on tour with a U.S. team in Poland. Tate, a bronze medalist at Montreal, was at his all-time best, according to Paul Konnor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, an international referee who accompanied the American team.

Konnor's remarks came after Tate stopped Poland's Andrzej Biegalski in one round, the first of his two wins on the tour. Tate remained the No. 1 U.S. heavyweight in the ratings of the U.S. Amateur Boxers and Coaches Association, but Gregory Page, of Louisville, following the Muhammad Ali trail, may be moving up when Tate turns professional, expected shortly. Page, only seventeen years old, stands six-three, weighs about 215, and moves like Ali. And he's just a growing boy!

The politics that caused black African nations to walk out of last summer's Olympic Games may very well have been a big factor in the final distribution of Gold Medals. At the World Military Games in Ghana, Zambia took team honors with six boxers in the finals, while the State Department-sponsored U.S. team had four finalists, and two winners. They were heavyweight Clint Cochrane of the Army and Marine Corps bantamweight Tony Santana, neither Olympians. The new AAU chairman, Bob Surkein, who served as Chief official for the tournament, was particularly impressed by Zambian middleweight Loti Nwale, calling him "the best middleweight I've seen in years." Nwale stopped Navy middleweight Keith Broome in one round.

The word from Dublin is that the Kuttner Shield is staying there for a year, at least. Ireland's National team turned back Scotland, 6-5, to reverse a victory by the Scots 14 months previous. And the Irish did it with their "reserves," for five reigning champions did not see action. . .An Irish team was set for a three-city tour of the U.S., with bouts in New York City, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Paterson, New Jersey. The Irish were working towards the European Championships in

MARCOTTE STOPS BLOODIED LECLAIR

By FRANK ALLNUTT

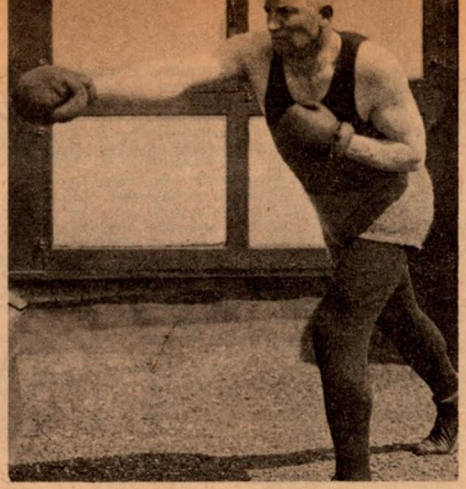
Montreal — Promoter Regis Levesque lined up a first-rate card at the Paul Sauve Arena and showing their appreciation close to 6,00 fans were in attendance. The advertised card featured a Canadian middleweight championship bout, two ten round bouts and a pair of six-rounders. There were no last-minute replacements and every bout was a good one. In the opening six rounder, Cleveland Denny (Montreal), 139½, making his pro debut, showed all the moves of a good prospect in stopping Roland Beausoleil (Boston), 138½, at the 2:02 mark of the second round. Denny had his opponent backing up from the opening bell, his punches were clean, crisp and delivered with power. Also over six, Rick Zarbatany (Montreal), 157¼, had his hands full in winning a decision over rugged Jean Guy Binet (Quebec), 159. Zarbatany, coming in during the fourth round, was clipped with a right to the chin and took the eight count. The decision handed down by the officials, a one point unanimous decision in favor of Zarbatany, was correct but the fans would have gone for a draw.

Without a doubt the best lightweight bout seen in Canada during the past year was the ten round classic between Jean Lapointe (Montreal, 133¼, and Jose Martinez (Montreal), 133¾. For the entire thirty minutes these two stylish boxers gave it their all. A referee for this bout was not needed. The bout was fought in its entirety at top speed and in the fourth round both boxers at close range punched it out for almost the entire three minutes. Neither man gave ground. At the halfway mark of the bout it was all even. Rounds six and seven were complete rounds of classic boxing by both boxers. Just before the closing seconds of the seventh round Martinez was caught with a dazzling left hook, coming out of a toe-to-toe session. The punch landed cleanly on the chin and Martinez was dropped. Not hurt, he was up at two and took a standing eight count and then returned to continue the fast action. The final three rounds were fought at the same speed as the initial rounds and at the final bell there was not one of the fans sitting. The applause and cheering lasted several minutes. The officials called it 48-46, 47-46 in favor of Lapointe while the third official saw it 47-47. The performance of both Lapointe and Martinez was superb. Rarely does one see a lightweight bout where the two contestants showed such class, ability and sportsmanship.

The second ten-round bout was cut short at the 2:59 mark of the second round when Guuerrara Chavez now fighting out of Montreal, at 142½, knocked Roy Johnson (Halifax), 145, dead on his feet. Soon after the start of the round Johnson was caught off balance coming out of a clinch with a right hand punch to the head. It was delayed action. Johnson staggered back into the ropes and was given a standing eight count. Before he had recovered completely, Chavez stormed in again and nailed him with clean shots to the head and chin. Again the referee stepped in and gave the standing eight count. With the count completed, Chavez lost no time in picking up where he left off. A left and right to the jaw had Johnson completely out on his feet. He could not fall and the referee was quick to step in and halt the proceedings before Johnson was severely hurt.

The main event, for the Canadian middleweight championship between Fernand Marcotte Jr. (Montreal), 156¼, and Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal), 158¼, was a bloody affair while it lasted. Leclair was the favorite going into the bout. He had height, reach and was seven years younger than the champion. At the bell to start the initial round the champion was the aggressor and he was scoring well with short hard blows to Leclair's midsection. Marcotte stayed on top of the challenger during the round, not giving him a chance to settle down and score with his longer reach. Round two began with Leclair, after instructions from his corner, jabbing with his left hand as the champion came in. This caused a change in tactics by Marcotte, who began to duck and weave to avoid the effective jabs of Leclair. At the conclusion of the round Leclair's face was getting puffy and Marcotte had suffered a cut over the left eye. Both fighters lost little time during the third round to get down to some heavy punching, Marcotte scoring hard shots to the mid-section while Leclair scored with some stiff jabs to his opponent's face and by the end of the round blood was streaming from the nose of Marcotte. During the round it was noticeable that Leclair was over-reaching at times with his jabs and the warning signals for the champion to counter with an overhand right were flashing like a neon sign. The fifth round was a fast and heavy punching round which saw Marcotte becoming the aggressor once again. Just before the bell ended the fifth round Marcotte stepped inside a left hand lead by Leclair and unloaded a right to the chin of Leclair that almost stood him on his head. On his feet at the eight count, Leclair made it to his corner to end the round. Both corners worked hard on their men during the intermission. Marcotte, still bleeding from his cut eye and nose, while Leclair was doing his best to get the cobwebs out of his head after the hard shot he took to end the round. Hardly had the sound of the bell died down to start the sixth round and Marcotte was right back on his still woozy opponent. Hard shots to the body brought down the guard of Leclair. Marcotte immediately switched to the head and a power-packed left hook opened up the right eye of Leclair like a barn door. Blood streamed from the gash into the eyes of Leclair, who was completely defenseless by this time. Quick action by the referee halted the bout and after examination by the Commission doctor the bout was ended. Time 1:53 of the sixth round. At the time of the stoppage the official cards were as follows 23-22 Leclair, 27-25 Marcotte and the third card had it even at 22-22. It was Marcotte's 54th win in 62 fights and for Leclair it was his third loss in thirty bouts.

Whitey Bimstein handled Gene Tunney and Georges Carpentier, among many others.



Canadian heavyweight Elzear Rioux, who was developed by Doc Gadbois in the Twenties.

Ted Broadribb introduced American methods in the training of English boxers.

Trainers and Handlers of Yesteryear

By MARK FANNON

MUHAMMAD Ali wins his matches by using psychology—the science of the mind—as much as he does by the training grind itself.

We all know about Ali's unpredictable antics and how they upset his opponents. Without these aids, he might have had a much tougher road to the top.

He beat the powerful, stalking, Ken Norton by out-thinking him, in addition to his boxing skills. Certainly, he looked like the winner in the final round as he flicked his jab to the oncoming Norton. The feeling was that if only Norton had more time he would catch him. That is what cleverness in the ring does to an opponent. The loser just can't get in the telling blow. He is pursuing an elusive target.

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Let's give Jim Corbett the credit for introducing the modern style. Every good boxer since has some of Corbett in him: the straight standup stance, the straight punching, the gliding footwork.

Corbett and his followers are the mobile glove-throwers—always a little away from danger, always in the proper hitting position at the crucial moment. Carlos Monzon is a good example of a boxer who uses his physical assets in union with his skill and instincts.

In getting to the point of being a competent fighter, it takes, besides the natural

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(Above) Jimmy McLarnin with Pop Foster, who steered him to the welterweight championship. (Left) Ray Arcel, backed up by aide Al Lang, keeps a watch on what's happening in the ring.

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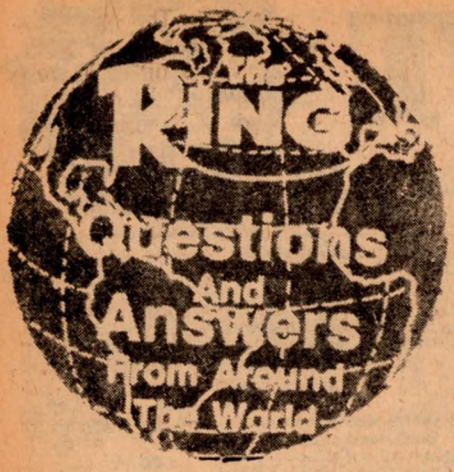

Q. Wasn't James J. Corbett really a light heavyweight when he stopped John L. Sullivan, a true heavyweight, in New Orleans in 1892?

Ned Judson
Yakima, Washington

A. You're almost right. Corbett weighed 178 pounds and Sullivan 212. Of course, there was no such thing as a "light heavyweight" at that time. The division was instituted by Chicago promoter-manager Lou Houseman in 1903, and Jack Root, managed by Houseman, was the first champion of the 175-pounders after he beat Kid McCoy in ten rounds.

Q. In your opinion, what was Muhammad Ali's greatest fight?

Brian W. Smith
Bath, Pennsylvania

A. Our vote goes to the third fight with Joe Frazier, the October 1, 1975, "Thrilla in Manila" in which Muhammad rallied to stop Joe in fourteen rounds.

Q. Who had the better chin—Joe Louis or Floyd Patterson?

Dave Carter
Newark, New Jersey

A. Let's put it this way: Patterson, in sixty-four bouts, was floored sixteen times. Louis, in seventy-one fights, was dropped ten times. But Floyd actually seemed more vulnerable to punches on the side of the head—the temple—than on the chin.

Q. I am writing to ask you if Harry Stone and Matty Baldwin ever met in the ring. Harry caused a big stir in Australia when he beat highly rated Englishman Johnny Summers.

Jim Lynch,
East Bundaberg,
Queensland

A. No, Harry Stone, who came from New York's East Side, never met Matty Baldwin, out of Boston. Stone was a feather and then a lightweight, who migrated to England and Australia. Baldwin, also a good performer in his day, was a top-ranked welterweight.

Q. Did Archie Moore knock Rocky Marciano down in their fight? I know that Jersey Joe Walcott knocked Marciano down, but I don't remember the round. Can you clear this up for me?

Tony Ousky
Holland, Ohio

A. Archie dropped Marciano with a right hand for a count of four in the second round, before getting bombed out himself in the ninth. Jersey Joe had Rocky on the canvas for a count of three with a left hook in the first round of their Philadelphia bout. Marciano, of course, came back to knock out Walcott in the thirteenth.

Q. Do you have any plans to list the different weight classes in kilograms as well as pounds? Since the U.S. is adopting the metric system, I believe this would be a great help.

Maurice Schaicher
Des Plaines, Illinois

A. When the U.S. and other nations are unanimous in using kilograms instead of pounds we will list the weights in kilograms. At the present time it would only serve to confuse.

Q. I've been a fervent boxing fan since I was 12 years old and I'm 35 now. Recently I heard of a fighter named Al Gainer, who fought back in the 1930s. He must have been very good. I hear him spoken about by both black and white boxing fans, although I do not know what color he was. Do you have any information on him?

Michael Patterson
Elizabeth, New Jersey

A. Al Gainer, who was black, was indeed very good. He never won the light heavyweight title, losing to John Henry Lewis in his lone title shot, but he beat a lot of big names, including James J. Braddock, Tony Galento, Bob Olin (twice), George Courtney. Born in Gretna, Florida, in 1910, he moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he joined the professional ranks in 1930 and retired in 1941.

Q. When I lived on the West Coast in the early Thirties there was a young fighter I knew named Young Johnny Zerilla. Very classy and a murderous puncher. He fought from 160 to 175 pounds. Have you heard from him or his whereabouts?

Tom Walsh
Ventnor, New Jersey

A. We have no record of him as a fighter. There was a junior lightweight named Santiago Zorilla who had three fights on the Coast with Tod Morgan, the champ, around that time. Zorilla originally came from Panama.

Q. Do you think Angelo Dundee is the best trainer in boxing today?

Brian W. Smith
Bath, Pennsylvania

A. Angelo is certainly one of the best, and there are other good ones. Don't let anyone tell you today's trainers don't compare with those of the past!

Q. How many times did Sugar Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio fight? What were the results? And another thing. Why do you persist in calling Ali Clay whilst the whole world is calling him Ali? And don't try to tell me the old tripe about he did not change his name legally. Neither did Marciano or Graziano, to name a few.

Reuben Cato
Corona, N.Y.

A. Robinson and Basilio fought twice, with the middleweight title at stake both times. On September 23, 1957, Basilio won a split decision in fifteen rounds at the Yankee Stadium. On March 25, 1958, Sugar Ray took the verdict, again split, at Chicago Stadium. As for the matter of the heavyweight champion's name, you'd better check us out again. We've been calling him Ali for quite some time now.

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DEMPSEY OVERRATED?

Boxing rhetoric has awarded every aspect of honor and greatness to the name of Jack Dempsey. He is reflected as one of boxing's greatest heavyweights who ever lived. May I submit that when attempting to parallel him with the champions of the more modern era, i.e., Louis, Marciano, Frazier, and Ali, Jack Dempsey was one of the most overrated heavyweight champions who ever lived.

Through no fault of his own, Dempsey was a victim of his time. The ring rules and styles of his era dictated him to be a boxer who could not survive in today's ring wars. Fight films omit evidence of his rustic ringmanship. Tolerated was the practice of hitting on the break, holding and hitting, and other illegal tactics. By hovering over a fallen opponent, Dempsey was ruthless in his attack of the opponet as he arose from the canvas. The neutral corner and mandatory eight count rules of today would certainly demand other tactics from Dempsey.

Although his physical size and ring endurance are not points I wish to debate, I believe that these questionable attributes, combined with his almost esoteric style of defense, would have caused him trouble with the larger and faster men of today. The two fights with Tunney gave proof to what Dempsey's abilities were: a fighter with no ability to cope with a scientific, polished boxing style, one that has enhanced the champions of late.

Further, his title defenses and the periods of time between title bouts would be unacceptable for today's standards. His refusal to fight the "black contenders" give him no credit as "true champion."

In summary, I deduct that if Dempsey were an active fighter of today, I would question his ability to be rated in the world's top ten rankings.

In retrospect, and in fairness to any champion, I must give credit to Dempsey as being one-time heavyweight champion of the world. No! Better to credit him as the heavyweight champion of *his own era*. Enough said!

Dennis Smith
Salt Lake City, Utah

GIVE PENDER HIS DUE!

I think your magazine is excellent and very informative; however, I would like the opportunity to express my feelings on an unwarranted injustice. Why is it Paul Pender, without a doubt one of the best of the past middleweight champions, is hardly ever mentioned or has never had a story written about him in your fine magazine since his retirement in 1963.

Just look at some of his achievements: victories over Sugar Ray Robinson, Terry Downes and Ralph "Tiger" Jones. Plus he was the only man to ever knock granite-jawed Carmen Basilio off of his feet in a title bout won by Paul in 1961.

Inside the ring he was a fighter with all the distinctive qualities that make champions great and worthy of note. For example, beautiful, expert-like moves, intelligent anticipation, speed of hand and foot, ability to out think his opponents, a piston-like left jab he utilized with the expertise of a fine swordsman plus many more qualities too numerous to mention.

In conclusion, I would like to see Paul Pender get some of the long overdue recognition he so rightfully deserves.

Jack Monroe
Stratford, Conn.

MARCIANO THE GREATEST?

In reply to the "Punch Lines" letter from Gordon Slott Manley, of Portsmouth, Virginia, I would like to state the truth on the following points:

Number One; Rocky Marciano was only knocked down twice in his entire fighting career.

Number Two; Rocky Marciano did not "cut" except in one fight against Ezzard Charles, who is also one of the greatest fighters that ever lived.

Number Three; Rocky Marciano began his boxing career at the age of 24, which is considered to be old to begin a boxing career. Also, he had the shortest arms, was only 5'10½" tall and weighed 188 pounds. This is small for a *Heavyweight* boxer. Everyone he fought was well over 200 pounds, over 6' tall and had had more fights then he had.

Rocky Marciano retired undefeated. Not like your great Muhammad Ali, who took the championship away from 38 year old Sonny Liston. Ali has been fighting has-beens ever since. The only great fighter he ever fought was Joe Frazier. He fought Frazier three times, barely winning the second two.

Mr. Manley, before you continue to write about the boxing profession, know all your facts. Compared to Ali, Rocky Marciano never ran out of stamina. Ali loses all stamina in later rounds, unless he is hiding on the ropes in the middle rounds.

Ali and Joe Louis have both fought the "over-the-hill gang." Remember, most importantly, that Rocky Marciano was forced to retire at the age of 33, at the request of his wife, and that during his nine year fighting career he never lost a fight. In conclusion, there will never be another as great as THE ROCK.

Dante J. Dattoli
Pompano Beach, Florida

SHARES SAME VIEW ON MARCIANO'S GREATNESS

In reference to Capt Joel Lipsitt's and Gordon Siott Manley's letters which indeed were fine analyses also reflecting my same rationale in regards to overating Marciano; however, I must emphatically point out to Mr. Manley that Rocky did give Layne and Matthews a short at his title. He KO'd Layne in six rounds and Matthews in two rounds respectively; check the *Ring Record Book*.

Baroudi died as the result of his clash with Charles on February 20, 1948, therefore he could hardly be tabbed as an opponent Rocky might have ducked. If you recall, outside of the one fight that Rocky had in 1947 when he KO'd Lee Epperson in three rounds in Holyoke, Mass., his career didn't really begin until mid 1948.

As far as Baron and Oma, they were well past their peak while Machen and Folley were just beginning their careers in different parts of the country. In this analysis I tend to heavily agree more with Capt Lipsitt's excellent choices of Henry, Satterfield, Brion, Maxim, Bivins and Valdes who were more or less at their peak the same time as Rocky. . . . I would like to add "Big" Bob Baker and Elmer "Violent" Ray to the list.

However, who really knows the truth, maybe all of these gentlemen were approached but refused to fight the Rock. I would certainly solicit and entertain any views or opinions in this area. . . . How about it?

Artie Jacobs
New Bedford, Mass.

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SYLVESTER STALLONE'S
AN EXUBERANT MOVIE THAT AFFIRMS THE AMERICAN DREAM

By JOAN F. LOUBET

WHEN was the last time you came away from a movie feeling good?

"Rocky" makes you feel good. It makes you feel good not just because the good guy triumphs over odds (which he does); not just because the script has lots of humor (which it has); not just because the film is well done (which it is); but because it is an affirmation of the human spirit, the realization of that overworked and elusive symbol, the American Dream.

The story may not rate A plus for credibility, but it works so well that you don't mind at all. Rocky, played to perfection by Sylvester Stallone, who wrote the script with himself in mind for the part, is a third-rate Philadelphia club fighter without an impressive past and a less certain future. ("Why do you want to fight?" he is asked, to which he replies, "Because I can't sing or dance.")

That opening scene, by the way is a beauty. The camera homes in on a mural depicting a gaunt, gilded Christ, then moves slowly down to the ring, the punchy fighters, and the razzing spectators seated on folding chairs. That is our introduction to Rocky. Sixty-five dollars for that victory, less fees for locker, shower and tax is his take home for the night.

From there we follow him to a squalid neighborhood where he shares quarters with some goldfish and a pair of turtles. We see him on his rounds as a small-time collector for the Mafia, on to the working gymnasium where he finds his locker has been emptied, his belongings bagged and hung on "skid row" to make room for a promising young comer. Things look pretty bleak. But even at this point we see the unquenchable optimism, the fierce determination, and with it, the sensitivity and compassion of this likeable young man.

Out of the blue comes the opportunity for Rocky to make it big. Apollo Creed, played by former Oakland Raider Carl Weathers, is heavyweight super-champ, cast in the mold of a Muhammad Ali figure. His opponent for a scheduled "Bicentennial Super-Battle" has suffered an injury and Creed is at a loss for a replacement. He conceives the idea of finding an unknown and giving him a chance for

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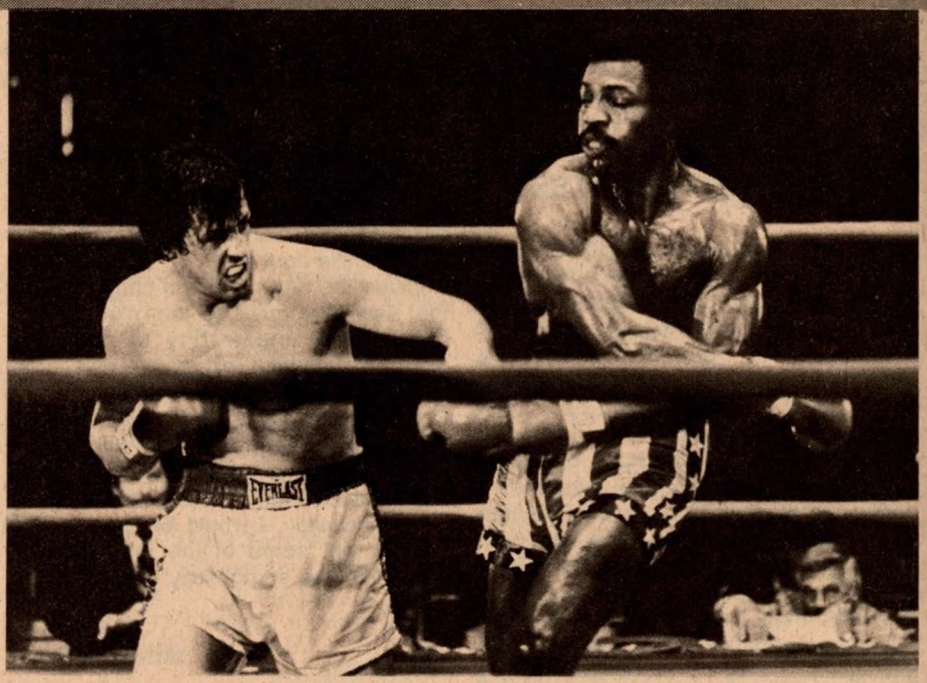

(Below) "The Italion Stallion," Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) takes a playful left to the jaw from world champion Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers), who has announced that he will give unknown Rocky a shot at the world title for the U.S.'s Bicentennial. (Above) Much to everyone's surprise, the underdog, Rocky, left, puts up a game and savage fight against Creed.

'ROCKY'

(Right) Rocky Balboa, an aging Philadelphia club fighter, gets his chance to live out the American Dream. . .and rises magnificently to the occasion.

(Left) Rocky and his girl friend, Adrian (Talia Shire), contemplate Rocky's chances against the world champ the night before the big fight. (Right) The cool and calculating Apollo Creed is a consummate showman, and appears for the Bicentennial fight as, who else, Uncle Sam.

Rocky tests his hand bandages with his trainer, Mickey (Burgess Meredith), an ex-fighter who has waited 50 years for this chance to have a world champion.

Butkus, a present from Adrian, trains along side of Rocky, running through the bitter cold Philadelphia streets at dawn.

(Left) Bruce Flowers and his wife flank Barney Ross, wearing dark glasses, at a 1967 Ring 30 V.B.A. dinner. (Right) Junior boxer Allie Ritacco shakes hands with Flowers at an amateur card in 1968.

(Below) The late lightweight great, Flowers, was the first nominee to the Westchester County (N.Y.) Hall of Fame.

Bruce Flowers, New Rochelle's Pride

By SCOOP GALLELLO

BRUCE FLOWERS, the late, great lightweight of the late 19-20's, was born in New Rochelle, N.Y., on January 10, 1905. Since his early childhood his main interest in life was sports, all sports, as long as he was a participant. He played semi-pro baseball with the old New Rochelle Black Sox, and professional basketball with the New Rochelle Orientals.

His father passed away while Bruce was still in childhood, and coming from a poor family he had to find work in order to support his widowed mother. He had his first regular job at age 14 as a plumber's helper for an uncle who was anxious to assist him. He soon tired of this type of work and gave it up to take over an ice delivery job. It was hard work. Sometimes it meant walking up four or five flights of stairs lugging a 25-pound chunk of ice on his shoulders. Bruce didn't realize it at the time, but this type of work helped to build him up for his ring career which was in the very near future.

His first interest in boxing came when he visited the local Y.M.C.A. to watch a friend train for an upcoming bout. Before he knew it, Bruce was donning the gloves and sparring a few rounds. He found boxing extremely interesting, and loved the competition it afforded, pitting one man's talents against another's. Before long he found himself rushing through his ice truck route in order to get to the gym for a workout.

At this time, Johnny Rocco, another youngster from New Rochelle, was making great headway in fistic circles, and also training at the same gymnasium. Rocco was handled at the time by the experienced ringman, Harry Garsh, who had developed such ringsters as Solly Seamon and Frankie Genaro. Rocco had the reputation of "unloading" against his sparring partners, never "pulling his punches" no matter who he was in with.

One night Bruce consented to spar with Rocco, and took an unmerciful lacing from the more experienced boxer in a two-round workout. This did not discourage Flowers; instead it made him

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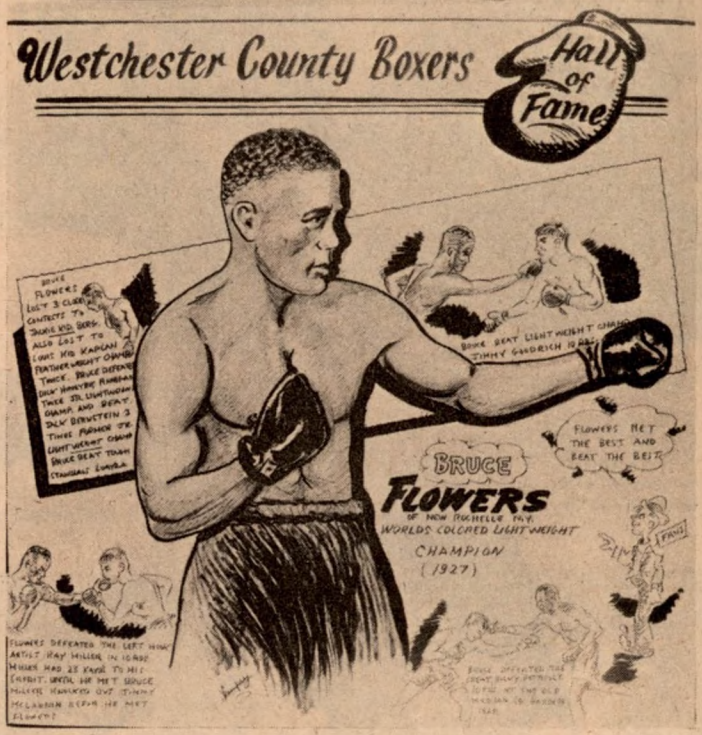

(Below) Bruce Flowers, right, gets together with former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, while son William, left, and Scoop Gallello, of the International Veteran Boxers Association, listen in.

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

Surrounding the great Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey, are, from left to right: Jack Barrett, former Madison Square Garden matchmaker and manager; Alex Koskowitz, furrier and former manager of ring stars including Doug Jones; and the RING's Sam Taub.

APROPOS of the mention about Al Baird, in the story sent us by our correspondent Harold J. Walsh, of Barberton, Ohio, we learned more about the Akron, Ohio, middleweight. As an amateur, Al won the Ohio middleweight crown back in 1966, the year he also was AAU runner-up for the crown. He was a professional for six years, engaging in 32 fights, of which he won, 11 via decisions, 16 by kayos, one draw and four setbacks.

Baird, during his pro career, engaged four world champions in non-title events, including Emile Griffith, Nino Benvuenti, Vincent Rondone, and Ernie Buford. Al, during his pro career, was ranked #5 among middleweights by RING magazine. Also, the popular fighter was cited by the Dapper Dan Club of Akron, Ohio.

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Talking about ring veterans, one of the nicest on the fight beat is Nicholas Gianmuzzi, a native of Long Island City, N.Y., who fought under the name of Nickie Gerard. We say one of the nicest because he is as quiet a man as we ever met along Cauliflower Row. Nickie was an amateur in 1934 and won 25 out of 30 bouts. He fought as a pro under the management of Hymie Caplin, who brought out several boxing champions, among them Lou Salica and Ben Jeby. Nick's boxing career was halted when he was inducted into the Army in 1941. His most fabulous memory was when he served under General Patton at Fort Benning, Georgia. His Army career ended when he suffered shrapnel wounds. He retired as a Sergeant.

Upon returning to civilian life, Gerard went back to his first love—boxing. He became a manager of some pretty good performers. His outstanding gladiator was Joey Donovan, a popular lightweight. Joey was a great headliner at the St. Nick and other clubs, and figured in sensational fights with the likes of Johnny Busso. Donovan was trained by the late Whitey Bimstein and the still active Freddie Brown.

A member in good standing of Al Reid's VBA Ring #8, where he is highly thought of, Nickie has launched another managerial campaign and has lined up some talent whom he hopes will become famous names in the manly art of self-defense. Nickie is still in business on Long Island in the sign painting business, but manages to spend a lot of time in trying to bring up a champion.

Speaking of ring veterans, a good performer in his day was a local lad, Johnny Colan, who was first managed by the late Paul Damski. Colan fought them all, and wound up his career with a ten round scrap with Jake LaMotta, one time middleweight boss, at the St. Nicholas Arena, on West 66th St. Oddly enough, the referee that night was Ruby Goldstein. Little did Colan know then, but he would follow in the "Pride of the Ghetto's" footsteps and himself later become a third man in the ring, and a good one. As a fighter he rated high. His managers were the late Paul Damski and Sammy Goldman. That scrap at the St. Nick was one of the first on TV and was a blisterer.

What's Johnny doing? Happily married with a lovely wife and children, Johnny is the head of his own insurance agency at 330 Madison Avenue, representing The Travelers, among others, and is still active in VBA Ring #8 and as a State Athletic Commission referee.

Just as we were completing our column, we received word of the passing of Len Harvey, who was born in the hometown of Robert Fitzsimmons, Cornwall, England. Harvey had the unique record of having fought in most of boxing's divisions, even as a heavyweight. For years he was a top-notcher in England, and once made a trip to America to fight in Madison Square Garden's 8th Avenue sportdrome. He was rated better than good.

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moved up to 175 to improve Chicago's chances at that limit. The New York 160 pounder was considered unbeatable. His name was Gus Lesnevich. However, Bettina was unbeatable, too, at last on that night. He took the decision over Zale in one of the best bouts on the card.

Regardless of how they were sized at the time, all three became virtually unbeatable later in their careers. All three became world champions.

Also on that power packed card were such other standouts as Andre Jessurun, Al Reid, Bob Pastor, Max Marek, Mark Hough and Otis Thomas, all of whom became top contenders at their weights if not world champions.

Another all time great might also have been on the card except for a controversy raging between Gallico in New York and Arch Ward, the new "Chicago Tribune" sports editor. Chicago was drawing talent for its team from six neighboring states. Gallico confined his field to the metropolitan New York area. When Chicago reached into Detroit for more muscle, Gallico put his ponderous foot down. "Nothing doing," he said. "Detroit is big enough to have its own Intercity team." He made it stick though he regretted it later. The top young amateur in Detroit that year was Joe Louis.

Olin, Krieger, Ross, Lesnevich, Bettina, Zale. The list or greats grew as the punches flew and the years went by.

In 1936, a light-hearted, glib, fast punching Brooklynite appeared on the Intercity scene, Petey Scalzo. He dropped a decision to Chicago's Johnny Brown in a 118 pound match as the two teams battled to an 8-8 tie. Scalzo went on to win the world featherweight title and in later years became well known as an after dinner speaker and an inspector with the New York State Athletic Commission.

In 1939, "Sugar Ray" Robinson, regarded by many as the greating fighting machine of all time, made the first of two Intercity appearances. He defeated Chicago's Tony Ancona. He returned to the Intercity program again a year later and defeated the same Chicago opponent.

Among Robinson's team mates was Tami Mauriello, later to become one of the foremost contenders for the 175 pound title.

The roster of boxing greats grows longer. In 1941 Chicago had a sharpshooting little 112 pounder, Harold Dade. The youngster was beaten that night by New York Diogenes Leon. Six years later, January 6, 1947, he defeated Manuel Ortiz to win the world bantamweight championship.

Floyd Patterson, the youngest ever to win the world heavyweight championship, fought it out twice in Intercity competition. In 1951, baffled by a fast lefty from Chicago, Dick Guerrero, he lost the decision in one of the 160 pound matches. In 1952, Floyd moved up to the 175 limit and outpunched Chicago's Eddie Jones in a great thriller.

There were even more world champs to come from the Intercity rivalry. There was Johnny Saxton and Wallace "Bud" Smith in 1948, Sonny Liston in 1953, Emile Griffith and Jose Torres in 1958, and a tall lean lightheavyweight from Louisville, Kentucky, named Cassius Clay, in 1959 and 1966. The name Cassius Clay is vague and hazy in these days, but the tall lean lightheavyweight from Louisville isn't. He changed his name to Muhammad Ali, and for the past decade or more he has dominated the boxing world as no other professional fighter has.

In 1959 in Chicago, the youthful Clay took on the seasoned Australian veteran who had been campaigning in New York. Tony Madigan, and took a close decision. A year later when the Intercity Bouts were in New York, Clay, now a full fledged heavyweight, stopped New York's Gary Jawish in the third.

Later the same year, the Louisville youngster and Intercity champ represented the U.S. in the Olympic games in Rome. In the semi-finals he faced the same Tony Madigan, now from Australia, he had beaten on the 1959 Intercity card. To prove his first victory was no fluke, he beat Madigan again and went on to win the Olympic championship.

Turn to almost any page of the Intercity record book and great boxing names of past years, top contenders if not champs, are there. Turn to 1941, there's Gene Burton; to 1943, there's Tony Janiro; to 1944, there's Cecil Schoonmaker; to 1945, Roland LaStarza and Lavern Roach; to 1946, Vince Foster, Del Flanagan and Bob Foxworth.

The year 1948 was the year of Coley Wallace, Bob Baker and Clarence Henry. Turn the record book to 1951. You'll find the names of Nate Brooks, Randy Sandy (now a New York amateur referee), Frankie Ryff and Davey Moore.

One of the most gripping features of the Intercity Bouts has been that, in a sport that is entirely an individual competition, it is truly a team effort. There is a fierce sectional rivalry about it. The big question is not "which boxers won?" but "which team won?" Over the years, New York's pride has been seriously punctured. The record book also shows that of the past 34 Intercity meetings, Chicago won 16, New York nine. On nine other times, the big event ended in a tie. However, in the last eight years of the competition-1954-1961-New York won 5, lost 2, with one tie.

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8—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
10—William Berry, Philadelphia, Pa.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ignacio Osornio, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
8—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
10—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
1—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—David Romahlo, Lowell, Mass.
9—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.

*Champion

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

FIRST he says "yes" then he says "no". . .such is the situation with the king—MUHAMMAD ALI. His initial proclamation of retiring is viewed by the boxing cognoscenti as merely a ploy to offset divorce settlement terms with his second bride BELINDA. As soon as an agreement is reached you will see ALI back "inside the hemp." No one has ever accused ALI of being deficient in grey matter—inside the ring or out—and he realizes that there are far too many multi-million dollar gates in the not too distant future to hang up his "leather mittens" right now—even though he just passed another birth milestone last January. There really isn't that much around—as far as heavyweights go—to entice him to quit. Business is business and the heavyweight title means big business. . .and big money! Norristown, Pennsylvania, businessman, now turned fight mentor, FRANK GELB, is still fuming over his battler TYRONE EVERETT being "duped" out of the duke against Jr. lightweight king ALFREDO ESCALARA, and in a Philadelphia ring at that! ! Don't think that when DANNY "LITTLE RED" LOPEZ journeyed to Ghana to fight the champ, DAVID KOTEY, he's got an early Christmas present—he didn't—LOPEZ did a real "number" on KOTEY—busting him up so badly it took 38 stitches to close his wounds—a real job, well done! ! Former heavyweight king JOE FRAZIER boxed his son, JOE, JR., in a four-round exhibition bout at Rochester, N.Y. Does this mean that number one son will soon be cracking the pro fight beat like his dad?? It is veteran Miami Beach fight trainer of repute, LOU GROSS, who readied Canuck Jr. middleweight puncher FERNAND MARCOTTE for his pending bouts in the Dominion. . . .Heavyweight DUANE BOBICK and matrimonial mate, BARBARA (KIPNIS) are splitville. BARBARA called DUANE during the Olympics when he was in Munich on a bet with her cousin that she could get a date with somebody on the Olympic team—a year later they were married. As DUANE says, "A boxer's life is not conducive to a marriage.". . .Talk about packing on the poundage—former welterweight champ LUIS RODRIGUEZ down at Miami Beach, now tips the Fairbanks at a whopping 214 pounds—a real heavyweight threat now, LUIS!!! Maybe now LUIS and former stablemate JIMMY ELLIS can be paired for a payday. . . .DAVEY DAY was a former ranking lightweight out of Chicago many years ago. Now DAVEY has become a grandfather for the first time and he figures his grandson will be the lightweight champion of the world in the next 20 years!! Congratulations, DAVEY, I'll be watching for the kid. JACK MARSHALL, one time a ranking heavyweight from Texas, is a retired truck company employee. . .BUDDY SCOTT, a good heavyweight in his heyday who had BOB PASTOR on the deck in their match many years ago, is in the real estate business in Texas. . . .TOMMY FREEMAN, a great welterweight champion who turned 73 years old on January 22, is a retired city fireman in his hometown of Hot Springs, Arkansas. TOMMY'S stablemate, JACKIE GRIFFIN, is alive and well in Dallas, Texas. GRIFFIN boxed all of the "iron" in the Southwest in his younger days too. . .both were managed by TOMMY McGINTY when they did their leather-tossing. . . .ANGELO DUNDEE is sending out a monthly bulletin, his "Fighter Of The Month" from his fine stable of biffers. . . .-SEAN O'GRADY, bantamweight son of fight promoter, PAT, in Oklahoma City, will go to college when his ring career is over. SEAN is on the honor roll in high school—and is a terrific young ring prospect to boot!! JIMMY YOUNG is the type of heavyweight you can hit all night—not do any damage to him—you might win—but will look bad winning—not the kind of guy any young heavyweight is looking for on their way up. YOUNG might be tabbed as a real spoiler. . . .ALAN MINTER'S stopping SUGAR RAY SEALES in an English ring was a big surprise to many as last year came to a close. SEALES might well be on the skids from here on in. . . .ANGELO DUNDEE made a quick trip to England recently. They had ANGIE as a surprise guest for "This Is Your Life"—English style—for JIM WICKS, the 82-year old manager of HENRY COOPER. WICKS is a real fine human being. DUNDEE has known JIM for over 20 years. All of WICKS' fighters were on hand—past and present—to pay him homage. . .sure is a great feeling for a fight manager to know he's remembered. . . .former ranking bantamweight TOMMY FIX, who was managed in his ring days by my old friend EDDIE SCHAUER, has returned to the ring, this time as a referee, at the age of 39. FIX and his wife, MARGIE, discovered that their son, TOMMY, JR., has muscular dystrophy. . .FIX, from Shelby, Ohio, will soon duck through the ropes again, boxing for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Foundation—he plans to schedule all the matches for the event himself in either March or April. Says TOMMY FIX, "I'm doing it for my son.". . .WILLIE GILZENBERG is the guy who keeps boxing alive in New Jersey. The much maligned punch-for-pay game has been battered verbally by Garden State politicians, housewives and many members of the press. It has still managed to survive, however. GILZENBERG has spent 50 of his 75 years in the fight game. He's the oldest active boxing promoter since HERMAN TAYLOR of Philadelphia. . . .WILLIE says "All the fight game needs is talent," and I must agree with him—it will never die—believe me!! Boston promoter SAM SILVERMAN, another stalwart in keeping the fight game alive—his baliwick is New England—substituted again for MARVIN HAGLER—his opponent was to have been WILLIE "THE WORM" MONROE—but instead aging INDIAN GEORGE DAVIS climbed through the ropes at the Hynes Auditorium in Boston. The card was a good one, however, all action bouts, and the "house" loved the show. . .The trainer of SUGAR RAY LEONARD is DAVE JACOBS, the same lad who brought LEONARD through the amateurs. ANGELO DUNDEE is the manager. . . .VINNIE CURTO has deserted the sunny southland, and will box in his native Boston under the JOHNNY GAGLIARDI aegis. CURTO, who has boxed most of the ranking middleweights in the U.S., is considered an excellent ring prospect. . .ART RAMALHO, whose headquarters is the West End Gym in Lowell, Massachusetts, has two young fistic pros-

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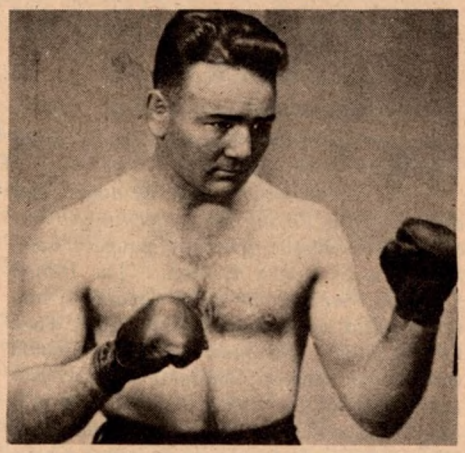

Ex-welterweight champion Tommy Freeman, seen here in his fighting prime, turned 73 in January.

DAVIS AND SPINKS DEBUT

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mediately jumped into the ring and administered first aid. Hernandez was given oxygen and carried from the ring. Richard Green, who had refereed in the preliminaries, was called in to replace Hernandez and the fight was started from the beginning.

Spinks, 196, swarmed all over Bob Smith, 185, right from the start. The 23-year-old ex-Marine rocked Smith with a hard left-right combination just before the bell ending the first round, dropped him with a hard right combination just before the bell sounded ending the first round, dropped him with a hard right in the third and floored him again in the fourth round with a pair of rights followed by a left.
further punishment. Spinks wasted no time in the sixth, opening with a hard flurry that knocked Smith's mouthpiece ajar, and referee Green stopped the bout.

Davis, 134½, won every round on all three judges' cards against Resto. The classy former world amateur champ, on the move from start to finish, kept flicking his left jab in the face of Resto, 135.

Admittedly not in top condition, the 20-year-old Davis made no effort to knock out Resto even though he was able to tag the little journeyman from New York at will. "I wanted to go six rounds for the work," Davis said later.

In preliminary bouts, welterweight Armando Alatorre, of Los Angeles, outpointed Samoan-born Tala Tairo, of Las Vegas, in a six-rounder, and welterweight Juan Sanchez, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, knocked out Richard Fowler, also of Albuquerque, at 42 seconds of the fifth round.

SYLVESTER STALLONE'S 'ROCKY'

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a shot at the title. What could be more American? Or more smart?

From a book which must be none other than *The Ring Boxing Encyclopedia and Record Book*. Apollo gleefully pounces upon the name of Rocky Balboa, "The Italian Stallion," because the name appeals to him (Rocky said he thought it up one night when he was eating), and figures such a one would suit his requirements admirably. Rocky, dazzled, falls for the publicity stunt, but proceeds to take matters seriously and sets about training furiously for the glory within his reach.

Shivering with him, we watch him rise at a chilly 4 A.M., down six raw eggs (we gag), and emerge into the 28 degree Philadelphia pre-dawn streets for his roadwork. He circles, jabs, and pants up the stone steps to survey the paling city before him. As fight night nears, he no longer pants, and performs a victory jig atop the plaza. By this time we're cheering him to a man. Rocky is all ours now, and we hurt when he hurts, shrink at the "cheap shots" or put-downs thrown at him, feel the pride of achievement at his growth.

"Attaboy," he whisper in the dark as he pounds away with his fists at sides of beef in a meat packing plant.

There are tender moments, too, with his girl, a painfully shy pet shop attendant, beautifully and perceptively played by Talia Shire, and some expressive scenes with his trainer, Micky, who does an about-face from dumping Rocky to latching onto his coat tails for the recognition Micky has never had. Old pro Burgess Meredith gives it the right touch.

As all good fight film fans know, the Big Night must finally arrive. The entrance scene at the arena is one of the most delightful spoofs contrived. After Rocky climbs into the ring wearing his new robe, donated by and labelled by the meat packing company, Apollo Creed and his entourage make their entrance in a dazzle of pageantry outdoing you-know-whom. The fight itself will satisfy the most demanding ring fan. Four cameras follow Weathers and Stallone as they play their carefully choreographed parts, blow by blow. The fight is completely credible, realistic, brutal and emotional as Rocky stands flatfooted and takes on his formidable opponent. If you don't already know what happens, I won't tell you. Suffice it to say, the audience is left limp and breathless at the finish.

You probably have heard how Stallone put his script on paper in 3½ days after some months of incubation, inspired by the actual fight between Ali and Chuck Wepner, with whom he is a good friend. You probably also know that he refused to sell it unless he could play Rocky, finally gained his point, and went on to smashing success.

Although he had never been in the ring, Stallone took his training as seriously as Rocky himself, starting with early morning jogs and following with extensive gym training under Jimmy Gambino, former fighter-trainer who plays the part of Mikey in the film and serves as technical director.

Director John Avilden was responsible for the atmosphere of authenticity throughout the picture, from the on-location Philadelphia tenement areas and seedy gyms to the Los Angeles Sports Arena where The Fight took place. Joe Frazier, by the way, makes a guest appearance.

Stallone managed to employ several members of his family: his father, Frank, plays the timekeeper; his younger brother, Frank, a street corner singer; and his bull mastiff, Butkus, plays Rocky's dog.

Stallone was worried about Butkus.

"He'll always have trouble with the dialogue," Stallone told one reporter. He needn't have worried. Butkus didn't.

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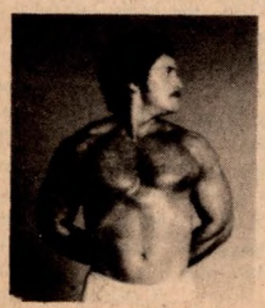

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ALI AT 35

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in race riots in cities throughout the country.

By 1912 it became painfully obvious to the establishment that no white man seemed capable of defeating this black demon. The nationwide search for a so called "white hope" had failed miserably. They were, with few exceptions, comprised mostly of unskilled large framed bumpkins who would have done better as circus strongmen, which, incidentally, not a few of them were.

Jack Johnson was 35 years old when he began his exile. Two years later big Jess Willard, one of the better white hopes, would defeat him for the title. Johnson claimed that he threw the fight as part of a deal to allow him to return to the United States a free man, but later on refuted his confession. Most fistic experts believe Willard's 26th round kayo of Johnson to be legitimate. Whether the bout was on the level is not of concern here. What is important, with regards to Ali's future, is to note that Jack continued to fight effectively as a pro right up to the age of 50! Although way past his prime Johnson remained active, still exhibiting the defensive brilliance that marked his entire career. Very few could hit him solidly. In fact, in 1926, at the age of 48, he won a 15 round decision over one Pat Lester to win the heavyweight championship of New Mexico. The audacious Johnson, ego still intact, promptly issued a challenge to world champion Jack Dempsey.

Long after Johnson's active fight career came to an end he continued to engage in a number of three round exhibitions, displaying his intact skills to a new generation of fight fans. His last ring appearance was at the age of 67 when he boxed a three round exhibition against old foe Joe Jeanette.

What was the secret of Jack Johnson's fistic longevity? Why was he able to last as long as he did? There are several reasons, the foremost being that Jack Johnson was the greatest defensive heavyweight boxer who ever lived. Unlike Ali, whose abundant natural gifts of speed and fluid movement allowed him to make many mistakes (in the orthodox sense) and get away unscathed, Johnson relied primarily on orthodox boxing carried to near perfection. He had completely mastered all aspects of the sweet science. Johnson was especially adept at feinting and counterpunching. Also, his defense relied heavily on the lost art of blocking and parrying punches. Johnson could, if necessary, remain stationary and not get hit. It was this talent, painstakingly perfected, that kept him from taking any beatings long after the spring in his legs was gone.

The average slow moving, slow thinking, heavyweight was like a child in Johnson's hands, even at the age of 50. It was said by fistic pundits of the day that Johnson had a sixth sense, an uncanny ability to anticipate what his opponent's next move was going to be. In actuality it was Johnson's boxing skills that only made it seem that way.

Johnson's flamboyance carried over into the ring. He often dropped his guard and dared opponents to "hit there boy." Once, during a title bout, the formidable "white hope" Frank Moran actually broke through Johnson's air tight defense and landed a punch. The surprised Johnson stepped back, laughed, and theatrically applauded Moran's one time success. A movie was made of the fight, and the incident has been preserved on film.

Getting back to Ali, here we have a man who may be the greatest natural born boxer who ever lived. A man whose talent was so huge that even after an absence of 3½ years during his prime fighting life he was able to come back and successfully dominate his division once again. There have been other natural fighters, but Ali stands apart from all the rest.

If one were pressed to describe his style in one sentence it would be this — He is a heavyweight who has fought like a lightweight. Ali never learned to slip a punch because he could easily avoid them by leaning his upper body back in the knick of time, a strategy that normally invites disaster. Ali also never bothered to learn to infight because, at his peak, his speed of foot prevented anyone from cornering him. His coordination, timing, and grace all meshed beautifully. Completely relaxed, he seemed to glide about the ring with no apparent effort. It is a safe bet to say that no heavyweight will ever successfully duplicate this unique style. It is and will always remain an Ali original.

This description is of the vintage Ali, the Ali of 10 years ago. In comparison to what he once was, Ali has slowed down to a walk. Yet even now when the legs have lost their wings and the reflexes have been dulled by time Ali still exhibits enough of the old speed and manueverability to hold his own with any of the top contenders. When the going gets rough and the title is slipping from his grasp, Ali will revert back to the basic tools, the old strategies, that have always worked for him; the stinging left jab, the circling footwork, the swift left-right combinations. But this is getting harder to do with each passing year.

Will 1977 see the end of Ali's reign? Duane Bobick, much improved under Joe Frazier's management, is a punishing puncher with loads of guts, but, at this point in time, is just too inexperienced and slow of foot to catch up to Ali, and an in-shape Ali shouldn't have too much trouble out-boxing the weak hitting Jimmy Young. Ali's biggest problem would come in a return bout against ponderous punching George Foreman. If Foreman stays away from the ropes Ali could be in a lot of trouble. If, however, Ali can take Foreman past the fourth round he has a good chance of repeating his victory. Let's face it, stamina is not one of big George's assets.

Perhaps it will be none of the current rated contenders who will finally topple Ali. Is there, waiting in the wings, some unknown, unheralded slugger who will play Marciano to Ali's Louis and abruptly end his career?

It is doubtful that Ali will be able to duplicate Jack Johnson's extraordinary feat of fighting into his late forties. As was noted, Johnson's style could be more readily adapted to longevity. Ali's performances over the past three years indicate that his fistic future resembles more that of a Robinson, who at 35 still had enough left to carry him effectively through the next two years. After the age of 37, or at the most 38, Ali will be too far gone to call upon that one last big effort. He has done that too many times already. It is at this point that Ali's decision to retire will have been made for him by that most powerful of all forces — Father Time.

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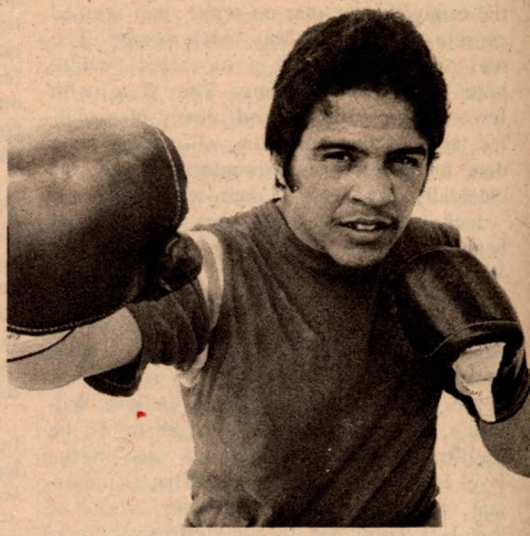
CHACON MAKES IT 3-0



Ex-WBC featherweight champ Bobby Chacon KO'd Julio Leal at 1:55 of round seven of their Los Angeles bout. This is Chacon's third knockout since he made his comeback. He has his sights on the Jr. lightweight title.

LOS ANGELES — Bobby Chacon made it 3-0 on his comeback, pounding Julio Leal, 129½, Mexicali, into submission at 1:55 of the seventh round of their main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

In two prior bouts, the 25-year-old ex-WBC featherweight champion scored knockouts over Miguel Meza and Bonnie Nessario.

The "so called" experts were divied on Chacon's performance. Some felt he has lost some of his speed, while other think he is punching harder as a junior lightweight.

There was no doubt about the outcome.

Chacon dropped Leal three times before referee Lou Filippo stopped the scheduled 10-rounder. Trainer Frankie Sarracho was satisfied with Bobby's showing, but admitted that Chacon should have ended matters earlier.

Chacon, who had to shed one fourth of a pound at the weigh-in to make 131, has his sights set on the junior lightweight title (WBC) held by Puerto Rico's Alfredo Escalera.

In a companion ten, Cesar Gomez Kee, 114½, Mexicali, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Alcivar, 114, Los Angeles.

Other results: Paul Morales, 130, East Los Angeles, won a decision over Joe Valencia, 129, Los Angeles, (4); Lenny Vanisi, 164, San Diego, decisioned Ali Morton, 157½, Los Angeles, (4).

The gate was $12,840 and Chacon received a check for $3,000.

▲**San Carlos** — Promoter Joe Gagliardi gamely put on a talent show at Circle Star Theatre with lightweights Tony Sanchez and Billy Turner in the feature eight rounder.

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WORLD RATINGS

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so-called North American Super-bantamweight title with a TKO victory over Mexican Cesar Desiga. Oklahoma's Sean O'Grady claims the same title.

An upset in the lightweight division of the U.S. Tournament had Johnny Sullivan gaining an eight round decision over Long Island's Pat Dolan. Sullivan is from Kearny, N.J.

U.S. TOURNEY

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take a shot. He has a lot of guts, and he punches fair. He could have a good future."

Tom Prater noted, "I got a lot of work to do yet. . . .I want to be champion so bad."

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THE 'GREEN MACHINE,' SEAN O'GRADY

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Alfonso Zamora, over the 15-round title route. Also, CBS Sports is after the youngster for a fight on national television.

Promoter-father Pat O'Grady, recently selected by "Sports Eye" magazine as one of the ten top boxing promoters, is mulling over the offers before deciding which will be the best for his tiger.

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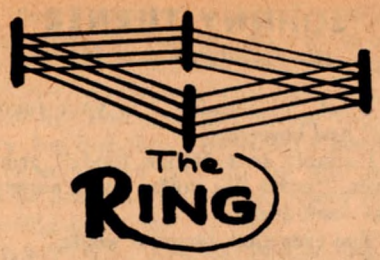

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JOHNNY TURNER

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"What," I inquire, "is your favorite food? And beverage?"

"I simply love Italian food," grinned Turner, "and I like coffee and a variety of sodas—soft drinks."

"You ever drink liquor or smoke?"

Johnny vigorously shook his head. "Never did. And I don't think I ever will. I'm proud of my healthy body and refuse to destroy it. It's not exactly my aim to lecture or preach, but in my opinion any person who knowingly acquires a self-destructive habit is certainly lacking in plain common sense. I put smoking and drinking down to a stupid defiance of nature, or a simple attitude of showing off."

This fine sensible young man is a pragmatic individual; he regards life calmly, refuses to worry about matters wrongly achieved but cannot be undone. He gives thought only to the future, to improving himself in life. "I adhere to the saying 'What cannot be cured must be endured.' It contains a mountain of good sense."

In his ring performances Johnny Turner also uses good sense—a thinking head. It is not his idea or intention to face a powerful slugger and exchange wallops with him. The young man seeks to outbox his opponent, feint him into making leads, then beat him to the punch.

"I take advantage of my size, my long arms, and jab my rivals. I hook and apply the good old one-two. I don't do fancy footwork, but move around the ring, actually around my foe, and toss snappy punches at head and body—and block or duck whatever blows come my way."

"I want to tell you guys," interjected manager Vern DePaul with pride, "to those of you who haven't seen Johnny Turner in action, that what he says he does in the ring is really true. And the fight followers are thrilled at watching his ring performances, always applaud him. I'm certainly fortunate having so proficient a boxer under my care. More than that, he's fair and intelligent, willing to listen and learn."

"How do you compare your former lightweight prospect ChuChu Malave," spoke up Joe Garfield, "to Johnny Turner?"

"Malave was a good, game fighter," admitted Vern. "Too game for his own good. Unlike Turner, ChuChu most times attempted to outslug his opponents, and when hit hard enough, poor Malave was knocked out. Turner is different: not only can he stand up under vigorous sockers, he does the smarter thing—Johnny outboxes his foes and outsocks them."

Turner, now eating a piece of coconut-custard pie with a cup of coffee, looked at the group, smiled and said, "Vern is too much like a doting father talking about how great his child is. Frankly, I'm nowhere near as good a boxer as he makes me out to be. That's a fact."

"Not quite," contradicted DePaul with a bright smile, "because. . .well, for several reasons: First, you love to fight. Second, you're dead-game. Third, you can take a hefty wallop. Fourth, you possess a knockout punch in either mitt. Fifth, you have pride in your ability. Sixth, you're not a careless slugger, a showoff. Seventh, you're a thinking boxer, study your opponent's style—you out-think him. Oh, I've got more reasons to put forth, but I'll say this, if at present you're not as good as I claim you are, Johnny, you will be in the not too far future. You may grow into becoming a welterweight—and champion of that division."

Everyone at the table applauded, including this scribe.

LAVONNE LUDIAN

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nent.

"I had worked so hard after losing my first bout that I wanted to see some positive results," says Ludian. "When she went down, it just thrilled me to death.

"I'm afraid my killer instinct came out. I wanted to keep punching her. I almost kicked her with my foot I was so excited. When the referee told me to go to a neutral corner, I didn't even know what that was. It was the first time that had happened to me."

Ludian believes women's boxing will increase in popularity.

"I really think it's here to stay," she says earnestly. "The people are really enjoying it. The crowds double whenever women boxers are on the card.

"Women boxers are a novelty right now, but I don't think the fans really give us any credit for knowing how to box. I know that every day I get better and stronger. There are a lot of girls who are serious about it."

Ludian says she doesn't plan to lose her femininity. "I'm in a man's sport, and I train like a man, but underneath, I'm still a woman, and I like being a woman."

NOEL NEW LIGHT KING OF REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Sparrow's Hideway Diego Martin in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago — A large crowd saw Claude Noel, 135, dethrone Fitzroy Guisseppi, 134, in a fight scheduled to go 15 rounds. Noel decked Guisseppi in the 4th. Guisseppi's skill, experience and resiliency threatened for brief moments to overwhelm the challenger, who was having only his fifth pro fight, winning all by knockouts. Noel won the title by a left-right combination to Guisseppi's jaw which sent the former champion sprawling on the canvas. Guisseppi hobbled to the ropes at the count of nine and barely made it to his corner, where he was counted out by referee George Cumberbatch while holding onto the ropes, unable to defend himself. Guisseppi was battered and bruised and his face in an awful mess, pleaded with the referee to allow him to continue, but was too groggy to know what had happened to him after 41 seconds of the 10th round.

Roy Harry, 147, welterweight champion of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago TKO'd Walter Peters, 144, in the 8th. Eddie Marcelle, 145, South Trinidad, won by a unanimous points decision over Enoch Waldron, 143, North Trinidad.

Victor Daly, 140, won a unanimous points decision over Edmund Carter, 142.

South Trinidad boxing promoter Kenneth Jap King Fook said after Noel's big victory over Fitzroy Guisseppi, who has been rated high up in the commonwealth ratings, he is prepared to match Noel against Jonathan Dele for his crown, early in the new year.

CHACON MAKES IT 3-0

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Turner, 133½, San Francisco, stopped Sanchez, 132½, San Jose, in the fifth round.

In the top six rounder, Lionel Valencia, 126, San Jose, halted Joe Da Baker, 125½, San Francisco, in the second round. In a second six, Tony Fernandez, 113, Mexico, nodded Albert Guemez, 112, Oakland.

In the opener, Willie Hearne, 148, San Francisco, knocked out Gilbert Valdez, 145, Mexico, (3). The gate was $2,120.

▲**San Diego** — In a rousing 10-rounder, Miguel (Mike) Mayone, 136, San Diego, outslugged Basilio Onate, 134½, Los Angeles, at the Coliseum. Mayon got off to a fast start, trailed in the middle rounds. However, a strong finish netted him the decision.

Other results: Len Vanisi, 163½, San Diego, decisioned Ali Morton, 157½, Los Angeles, (6); Marvin Sanders, 153, Los Angeles, KO'd Ignacio Cota, 155, Mexico, (1); David Wynne, 195½, San Diego, KO'd Gary Gahn, 186½, San Diego, (4).

Denny Milsap was the promoter, and the gate was $2,158.

PHOTO STORY: ROCKY MARCIANO

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used to have just kidding with the rest of the fellows as they'd sit around the kitchen table of the cottage where he lived when he was training.

And then, on August 31, 1969, the day before his 46th birthday, a plane crashed in an Iowa corn field and Marciano's life was snuffed out. There is little doubt that this untimely end had an effect on the Legend of Rocky Marciano, though what that effect has been is open to argument.

There are some who think that had Rocky lived out his years, his popularity would have continued to grow. Others feel that his tragic end may have magnified his stature, in the morbid way that movie actors James Dean and Rudolph Valentino became "bigger than life" after they departed from this sphere.

Whatever, the Marciano legend is secure. No one ever has matched his ring record: forty-nine fights, forty-nine wins, forty-three knockouts. RING magazine lists him as number five among the all-time heavyweight greats. Nat Fleischer, THE RING's founder, and its editor and publisher for fifty years until his death in 1972, placed Rocky tenth in his all-time ratings.

But whether you rate him first, or fifth, or tenth, one thing is certain. . .Rocky Marciano never will be forgotten. And deservedly so.

ESPADAS KO'S TAKADA

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pletely closed due to plenty of Espadas' right shots.

As expected by fight scribes who watched Espadas' sparring sessions during the coldest season in Tokyo, the muscular armed Mexican was a dangerous 'double-puncher.' Espadas threw vicious combinations, such as half a dozen of rights, followed by half a dozen of lefts, followed by . . . .

During a recess after the sixth round when Takada was at bay because of the defending champ's volley of punches to the face and the breadbasket, the Japan Boxing Commission doctor had a look at the wounds on Jiro's face. Jiro's right eye was also bruised and the left one had already lost its sight.

The seventh round commenced; however, in one minute 46 seconds, a towel was tossed in to save the game Japanese from further unmerciless punishment. Espadas was just too powerful for Takada.

Espadas, with little sweat on his face, said just after the triumph, "I thought I could win by a kayo after the fifth round. Apparently Takada was fading. The Japanese was a courageous fighter, but his punches didn't hurt me much. I was able to make a showing, as I wanted to."

With severely puffed eyes, Takada praised Espadas about his superiority in power: "Espadas was an aggressive, good champion. I tried to land longer punches to keep the distance, but the Mexican attacked me without a rest."

The victor, Guty, may not be so well-known to the RING readers as Miguel Canto, WBC titlist in the same 112-pound class, Mexican technician who lives in the Yucatan and has defended the WBC title on six occasions. Before Guty took the sensational victory over Panamanian Lopez, the twinkling-eyed Mexican was only an hombre who had a draw with Willie Jansen in surviving two knockdowns in Los Angeles in May last year.

Born in Merida City in December 1954, Guty grew up to be a street fighting boy and turned pro after a brief amateur career. Despite experts criticizing Guty's lack of ring experience, skills and defensive ability, the Mexican must be a terrific crowd-pleaser.

Orient champ Takada went to Merida to face Canto, who halted the exported fighter in 11 rounds. Since then, Takada won four games on the comeback trail, finishing three inside the distance: Indonesia's Nuru Hassim in one, Thai Dan Pisarchai in eight and Kim Mak-Dong in seven.

Up to the stoppage referee Servio scored the affair 30-26, while Mexican judge Jose Escalante saw it 30-23 and Japanese Hiroyuki Tezaki 30-24, all in favor of scrappy Espadas.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

Finnegan Tops Tompkins, Singleton Retires

FORMER middleweight champion Kevin Finnegan, Iver, 164¼, easily outscored Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 161¼, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Finnegan, who boxed in a relaxed fashion, was a class above the willing Tompkins, and was not bothered by a cut over the right eye in the fifth.

Tompkins never stopped trying, but could find no answer to his opponent's persistent left jab, and Finnegan was too fast for him.

Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 118¼, drew with Wally Angliss, Harrow, 121, over six, but the unbeaten Davidson looked unlucky not to get the verdict. Davidson was cut by the left eye and required seven stitches. Angliss put in a strong finish.

The fourth round especially was a hectic affair, with Davidson warned for an alleged low blow and misuse of the head, but Gary looked to have produced the cleaner punching in spite of the Angliss rally.

Tommy Davitt, Dublin, 135, gained revenge for a defeat a week earlier by beating Ricky Beaumont, Hull, 132½, the bout being stopped in the fourth when Beaumont was cut over the left eye.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 153, outpointed Kevin White, Wells, 153¼, over eight by 80-78½. Batten was well on top throughout, with neat left jabs in the early stages, and impressive combination punching later on. White as usual showed plenty of courage, but was in trouble in the final round when Batten turned on the pressure.

Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 125½, kayoed Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 127¾, in the first round with a left to the jaw. It was Flint's eleventh win in a row.

▲Cesar's Palace, Luton — Two West Indian-born boxers contested the British welterweight title, with Henry Rhiney, of Jamaica, 145, beating champion Pat Thomas, of St. Kitts, 143½. The bout was stopped by referee Sid Nathan after Thomas had been decked twice in the eighth round.

Afterwards, Thomas's manager Les Roberts said he had advised Pat to retire and that if the latter wanted to continue boxing he would have to find another manager.

Thomas gave a listless performance, and Rhiney must have been well ahead on points when the stoppage came.

In previous bouts between the two fighters Thomas had beaten Rhiney on both occasions, each time on points, but never looked like winning on this occasion.

Rhiney looked the superior puncher, shaking his mance once or twice, and always looked busy, whereas Thomas resorted to hanging on quite frequently.

Thomas was cut on the left cheek in the fifth, and he bled from the nose.

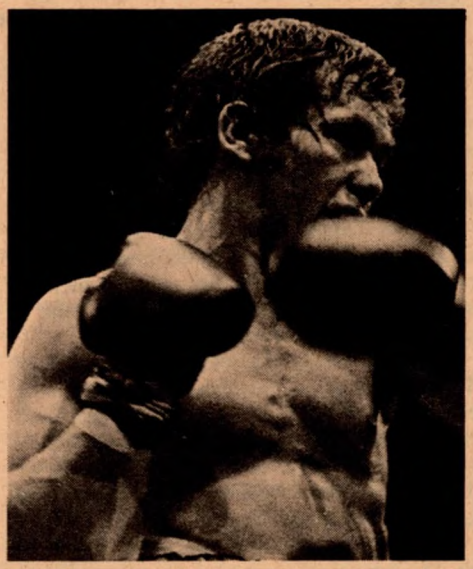
In the seventh Rhiney stepped up the pace, and Thomas looked shaky.

The following round proved to be the last, with Thomas down from a right to the chin, then down a second time, also from right hands.

Referee Nathan then intervened, with Pat seemingly not knowing what was happening.

A good performance by Rhiney, who at 25 looks capable of higher honors. A tribute also to his manager Johnny Barclay, himself a fine boxer in the 50's.

Substitute Roy Commosioung, Luton, outpointed Terry Schofield, Durham, 149, over eight twos by 80-77½. It was their fourth meeting, Roy winning three and the other being a draw.



Middleweight Kevin Finnegan, England, easily outpointed Alec Tompkins over eight rounds, winning every round.

Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 169, beat Johnny Cox, Northampton, 175, the bout being stopped in the opening round after Cox had been decked.

Young Daly, Northampton, 133, outscored Delvin White, Tottenham, 135, over four twos by 40-39. A good little fight to watch.

▲North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke — George Gray, Bradford, 180, narrowly outpointed Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 178, over eight twos by 78½-78. It was their fifth meeting, Gray winning three.

There wasn't a great deal to enthuse over, and in the fourth referee John Coyle told them to step up the action. Substitute Armstrong faded in the second half of the fight, enabling Gray to edge home.

Pat Brogan, Crewe, 163, outscored Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 164, by 79-78 over eight twos. Brogan survived some aggression from in the sixth and seventh to win the eighth and the fight.

George Salmon, Stoke, 166, comfortably outpointed Steve Stocks, Leeds, 162, over eight twos by 80-76.

Chris Walker, Nottingham, 141, easily outscored durable Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140, over eight twos by 80-77.

Peter Beauvoisin, Portsmouth, 147, beat Marty Jacobs, Liverpool, 144, the referee intervening in the fourth of a six-rounder when Jacobs was cut on the right eyebrow.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — Winston Cousins, Manchester, 164, survived a knockdown in the fifth to beat Arthur Winfield, Draycott, 161, the bout being stopped in the seventh after the latter had been down twice in the sixth.

Winfield had also been decked in the fourth, but made a fine recovery to floor his man in the following round. Then it was Cousins' turn to come back strongly.

Mike Copp, Swansea, 146½, outpointed Jimmy King, Birmingham, 142, over eight by 78½-78. Copp was decked without a count in the final round and many considered him lucky to get the verdict.

Chris Glover, Liverpool, 139, outscored Carl Bailey, Manchester, by 79-77 over eight. Bailey was decked in the second, but put in a good rally, and had Glover in trouble in the final session.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 161, outpointed Owen Robinson, 162, over six by 59½-58. A good verdict, but not a lot of action.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Johnny Pincham, Crawley, 149, beat experienced Les Pearson, Pontefract, 150, the bout being stopped in the fourth when Pearson went to the canvas with an injured left eye. A good performance by Pincham against an opponent who has met the best in his division. The former looked sharp, but Pearson looked to be settling down when the premature ending came.

Dave Mullings, Tottenham, 173, outpointed Central Area light-heavyweight champion Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 176, by 79½-78½ over eight. Mullings' work-rate was greater.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 162, drew with Clive Davidson, Walworth, 158, over eight twos. Some thought Davidson unlucky not to get the verdict, although he was inclined to hit with the inside of the glove.

Bib Pollard, Edmonton, 176, and Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 180, also boxed a draw, this time over six twos. A good scrap, and the result seemed fair.

▲Cunard International Hotel, London — Colin Power, Paddington, 135½, outpointed former British light-welter champ Joey Singleton, Kirkby, 136, over eight by 79½-78. This was Singleton's fourth successive loss, and he has now decided to retire.

An exceptionally clever boxer, Joey seems to have lost a little of his former sharpness, and in the fourth had to take quite a bit of stick from his enthusiastic opponent.

It was Powers' tenth win in eleven bouts, and he looked good. He showed more aggression than usual, sacrificing skill to take the initiative, and it paid off.

Singleton, too, did some good work in spasms, and had a good fifth round, but the old snap was missing.

Unbeaten Billy Vivian, Tredegar, 136, outpointed Barry Price, Crawley, 136, by 79½-77½ over eight twos. A clear victory, but the margin seemed closer.

Dave Hamm, Basildon, 141¾, kayoed Pat Singer, Bournemouth, 139, in the fourth after decking him twice.

Augustus Simms, Brixton, 156½, outpointed Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 158, by 60-58½ over six twos. Evans was floored in the first round.

▲Gala Baths, West Bromwich — Former British heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson now has his eyes set on the light-heavyweight crown, and won his final eliminator by beating Phil Martin, Manchester, 173¼, the bout being stopped in the tenth of a scheduled twelve after Martin had been decked. He was also on the floor in the previous round.

The early rounds saw both men concentrating on the body. Martin looked in trouble in the second, but Bunny let him off the hook, and from then on Phil improved.

Johnson didn't help his cause by over-cautiousness, and this allowed Martin to come in and flail away with both hands, especially in the fifth.

Martin kept up the pressure until the eighth, but in the following round he started to tire. Johnson knew this was his chance, and took it.

Suddenly Martin went to pieces, and in the ninth a couple of hefty left hands put him on the canvas. The bell rang at six, when he got up, but he must have welcomed the minute's respite.

However, it didn't do him much good, for he looked very weary as the bell started the tenth, and after only about half a minute he was down again from a two-handed attack.

Referee James Brimmell indicated that the fight was over, and Johnson thus gets a chance to fight for a second British title. A capable, efficient craftsman, Bunny's only flaw was in adjusting himself to the faster pace of the lower division.

Until he tired, Martin had been in front, and although Johnson said afterwards that it had been his plan to wear down his opponent, this plan cannot be expected to work every time. Safest way is to keep scoring while you're waiting and hoping for your opponent to wilt, so that you're ahead if he doesn't.

Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 146, outpointed the previously unbeaten Achille Mitchell, 147½, by the narrow margin of 78½-78 over eight thrilling rounds, and the fans contributed nearly £22 in nobbins.

After a confident opening, Mitchell was dropped by a left hook just as the bell sounded for the end of the first round. He didn't appear hurt, but Stewart maintained his pressure, and kept both hands going overtime as he strove to stay on top.

Mitchell boxed cleverly at times, but too often was drawn into close-quarter exchanges in which he came out worst.

Round succeeded round with never a slackening of the pace, and Mitchell tired in the later sessions. The result was a fair one, but credit to both men for their endeavours.

A scheduled eight rounder between Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 194, and Brian Huckfield, Warley, 180¾, had to be abandoned at the end of the sixth when the TV lights set the cloth canopy on fire.

It took 20 minutes to get things in order again, and referee John Coyle declared the bout "No Decision." A pity, for it was developing into an exciting contest, first one slamming away, and the other coming right back, then vice versa.

The 18-year-old Tony Sibson, Leicester, 160, scored his ninth victory by beating Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, 162¼, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled eight, with McHugh cut by the left eye, and taking punishment.

Sibson looks a fine prospect, and with careful guidance could make the grade.

Chris Glover, Liverpool, 141, beat Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 142, the referee intervening in the fourth with the latter on the receiving end.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 133½, is the new Welsh lightweight champion. He won his bout in the capital city instead of in his own country

by outpointing Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 134¾, over ten by 100-96, and was presented with a trophy by former British light-heavy and heavyweight champion Jack Petersen, himself an outstanding Welshman.

A great moment for Galleozzie, but the fight itself was nothing to write home about. There was far too much clinching, and Galleozzie was warned for alleged low punching in four different rounds.

Galleozzie wanted it in close, Collins preferred to box at long range, but the former provided most of the aggression and had a very good seventh round, when Collins looked in a bit of trouble.

Eddie Burke, Woodside, 161¾, outscored Bonnie McKenzie, Cardiff, over six by 60-58½. McKenzie was decked three times.

Billy Vivian, New Tredegar, 136½, drew with Barton McAllister, 141, over eight twos.

John Daly, Northampton, 135½, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Del White, Tottenham, 138, over four twos by 40-39.

▲Bedfordshire Sporting Club — Only two contests on this Ladies' Night show. Tony Vernon, Kettering, 131, outscored Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 132½, over six twos by 59½-58. Vernon was in control almost throughout.

Kevin Doherty, West Ham, 130, outpointed experienced Gerry McBride, Manchester, 129¼, also over six twos, and also by 59½-58. McBride incurred warnings for holding tactics, and the scoreline looked correct.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — British bantam champ Paddy Maguire, Belfast, kayoed Scottish titleholder John Kellie in the fifth with a left to the body. It was a non-title fight.

This was the first time that the 31-year-old Kellie had sustained a clean knockout. Both were inside the stipulated 120 pounds, and Kellie blamed his defeat on his efforts to make the required weight.

Not a good fight to watch, there was a lot of untidy work at close-quarters, both being warned frequently, and in the third Maguire was cut over the left eye, the injury afterwards requiring stitches.

The final punch was a cracker which left Kellie on his knees and unable to catch his breath.

Maguire's injury was worsening due to the several head clashes, and he must have been relieved when he landed that perfect left.

Debutant Cornelius Bosa-Edwards, Harrow, 133¾, kayoed Barry Price, Crawley, 136, in the sixth and final round after decking him twice.

Another debutant, Joe Griffith, Dartford, 163, beat Steve Stocks, Sheffield, 163, the bout being stopped in the third of a scheduled six.

As an amateur Griffin campaigned as a light-heavy and heavyweight, but the reduction in weight seems to have done him no harm.

Cut over the left eye, Stocks looked as if he would go down, then moved towards his own corner. The referee indicated to Griffin that the fight was still on, but as the latter threw several punches without reply the bout was stopped.

Johnny Waldron, Poplar, 173, beat George Lewis, Balham, 171¾, the referee intervening in the fourth after Lewis had been down twice.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Tony Hudson, Peckham, 150, repeated a previous win by outpointing Mick Minter, Crawley, 148¾, over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78. Thus the result was the same as last time, when the verdict had been disputed, but again there was little between these two.

Hudson built up a lead by the halfway stage by means of accurate southpaw jabs, with Minter stepping up the tempo in the later stages, but just too late to affect the result.

Kris Smith, Sutton, 235, outscored Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 211, over six by 59½-59. It was Smith's eighth successive win, but it was a disputed verdict.

Cornelius Rosa-Edwards, Harrow, 130, beat substitute Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 129, the bout being stopped in the third with Clemit outclassed.

Dave Smith, Eltham, 118, outscored Ian Murray, Manchester, 118, by 59½-58½ over six. Smith finished strongly after some good left-jabbing by Murray early on.

Billy Jeram, Bermondsey, 135, outpointed Von Reid, Birmingham, 135½, by 59½-58 over six twos. Jeram proved the more accurate puncher.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 162½, scored his fifth successive victory by outscoring southpaw Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 162, over six twos by 60-57½.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sportsmans' Club, Bradford — Ishaq Hussien, Reading, 202, easily outpointed Central Area heavyweight champ Peter Freeman, Bolton, 208, by 79-77 over eight.

The 20-year-old Hussien gave a useful performance, and controlled the contest with his quick and accurate punching. Freeman tried hard enough, but found it difficult to get to grips with his elusive opponent.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 124, outpointed Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 127½, over six twos by 60-58. The latter was cut by the right eye, but Enwright was good value for his win.

Debutant Roysie Francis, 148, beat Ray Thomas, Liverpool, 146, who damaged his left elbow and decided to retire at the end of the third.

Francis was a B.Sc. graduate of Aberystwyth University and is currently studying at Manchester University. His full name is Roy Washington Rancis Betcheman.

Carl Bailey, Manchester, 147, outscored Terry Schofield, Shildon, 148, by the narrowest margin of 79-78½ over eight twos.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

The annual IVBA convention at Downingtown Inn recently was a great success. Among the honorees were super boxing champion Harry Jeffra; IVBA Ring #26 Prexy Joe "Pep" Cassillo; John Nave of Ring #76 of Syracuse, N.Y.; N.Y. State Senator Joseph R. Pisani; former boxer of Ring #32 of Detroit, Michigan, Morrie Sherman; former boxer from Ring #105 of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Sweetcakes Brown Lee; Willie White of Ring #14 of New Jersey; Clarence "Champ" Snell, Prexy of Ring #102 of Paterson, N.J.; Former fisticuffer Wesley Ramey of Ring #32; Charlie Gellman, Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital in N.Y., who garnered the "Babe Orlando Award"; and Johnny Lebow of Detroit, who captured the "Freddie Fiducia Award."

IVBA Secretary Irv Silverman was instrumental in making this bash the success that it was.

Kid Gavilan. . .who has a $40,000 suit against heavyweight king Muhammad Ali for "back wages," is now employed as a boxing instructor and good will ambassador for a group known as "Spanish Speaking Center" in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This group is a non-profit organization aiding the underprivileged. Please send donations to Miss Patricia Louquecause, 301 S. 13th. St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, or to this reporter.

Dr. Max Novich, former pugilist and presently medical advisor for the AAU boxing team, has "thrown his hat in the political ring." He is a candidate for the position of chairman of the National AAU Boxing committee. Good luck Doc.

Georgie Rugg, former boxer and secretary of IVBA Ring #8 of N.Y.C., is now residing in Florida and is still umpiring semi-pro baseball. He is joining Ring #31 in that area. . .Stanley Poreda, former good heavyweight who once boxed Joe Louis, recently lost his beloved wife. . .Benny Nabors, former fisticuffer and member of Ring #31 of Florida, is ill in a Florida hospital. . .Tony Balash, former boxer and boxing judge from the Westchester area, recently passed away. . .Charlie Wallace & Jack Aretennes, both members of IVBA Ring #25 of New Jersey, recently returned from an extended tour of Greece, France and Italy.

IVBA Rings #26 of Schenectady, #76 of Syracuse and #104 of Rome, N.Y. recently held successful dinner banquets in their local areas.

Who said boxing is dead? Youth boxing is on the upswing with recent Christmas shows being held successfully by the Peekskill P.A.L., promoted by Jack Malanaphy at Mahopac High School; Morrissiani Youth Center in the Bronx, promoted by fistic trainers Sam Brown and Leon Washington; and a show of youthful sluggers sponsored by the New Rochelle Dept. of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Veteran Boxers Ring #30, promoted by Scoop Gallello and Bob Brandt held at the Holy Family School Gymnasium.

Former heavyweight contender Joe Baksi who was desperately ill a few months ago, seems to be conquering his illness.

Westchester County veteran boxers of Ring #30 have announced the date for their 12th Annual Banquet as Saturday, June 18, 1977 at the Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, N.Y. being inducted into the Westchester Boxing Hall of Fame will be local pugilist Frankie LaPera.

Probably the finest array of amateur boxers in the country come from the Morrisiana Youth Club in the Bronx, where 1976 Golden Gloves champions Johnny Hayes and Davey Moore work out daily. Responsible for the fistic advancement of these youths are trainers Leon Washington, Al LaCava, and Sam Brown.

Slated to enter the 1977 Golden Gloves from New Rochelle, N.Y., will be 160-pounder Steve Talt, who figures to be stiff competition for all sub novices.

Harry W. Pegg, Sr., who passed away recently, was a really dedicated and sincere boxing man. In 1966 he was elcted prexy of the World Boxing Historian Association, and he was boxing instructor at the old Madison Sq. Garden from 1919 to 1923. He was the publisher and editor of the very fine boxing magazine "Boxiana Review," which depicted many of the "oldtime" pugilists, and featured photos of same. The boxing world will mourn his passing. He was a man's man all the way. God rest his soul.

Sammy Veni, former fisticuffer from Brooklyn, is doing a tremendous job as prexy of the "World Boxing Historians Association" with his timely "News Letter" chock full of great fistic literature. . .James Hoyle, boxing impressario, has a sports program on radio C.B.S. emanating out of Palm Desert, California, and aptly titled "According to Hoyle." It's a 30 minute show full of boxing highlites. . .Bruce Flowers, Sr. former lightweight contender from New Rochelle, N.Y., may soon have a street in that town named after him thru the efforts of his club—the Veteran Boxers of Ring #30. . .Tony Galento, former heavyweight contender who once had Joe Louis "on the deck" is recuperating at home in Orange, N.J. after a recent hospital trip.

Howard Davis, recent Gold Medal Olympic Champ, recently boxed an exhibition at Rockland County Community College. Former world champion Emile Griffith boxed an exhibition on the same show, and former middleweight king Rocky Graziano made an appearance. Neither Rocky nor Griffith were as lucky as Davis, who received payment in cash. The Rock and Griffith were paid by checks which "bounced." A court action may ensue over the matter. Rockland Community College is not responsible for the checks, but a certain group in that area is. The now have a chance to make good these checks, without the public knowing who they are—I hope that they are smart enough to do so.

Battling Siki, former light heavyweight champion from Sengall who passed away over 50 years ago, is being honored in his hometown sometime early in 1977. Your reporter has been invited to the planned festivities.

. . .Sal Algieri, former bantamweight boxer from Mt. Vernon, N.Y. is now a boxing manager, and handling female boxer "Cat" Davis as well as former heavyweight contender Boone Kirkman. Your reporter handled Algieri in his fistic days. . .Joey Manfro, former welterweight contender, is laboring as a barkeep at the Italian Grotto in Harrison, N.Y. . . .Carmine Fatta, former tough pugilist of yesteryear, is the proprietor of a stationery store in his hometown of Newburgh, N.Y.

Jimmy "Duke" McKenna, a true boxing man from New Hampshire, is one of the very few left who periodically mails out a boxing newsletter. With the passing of Babe Orlando and Harry Pegg the field of independent boxing writers has thinned down considerably.

Willie Curry, former ringster from Philadelphia is on the mend after a serious operation. Sorry that I missed seeing him at the last IVBA Convention at Downingtown Inn. . .Steve Riggio, former fistic contender, is rapidly recovering from a recent heart seizure.

Veteran Boxers of Ring #9 of Bergen County recently held their 22nd annual banquet at the Bethwood Inn, honoring former fisticuffers Fitzie Pruden, Solly Seeman and Sammy Angis. Former boxer Frankie Doyle is prexy of this group.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Joe Bugner (E)
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. Denton Ruddock (J)
6. John L. Gardner (E)
7. Tony Moore (J)
8. Neville Meade (J)
9. Garfield McEwan (J)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh E)
2. Tim Wood (E)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Joe Vella (A)
10. Al Gattling (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Carlos Marks (Tr)
6. Julius Luipa (Zam)
7. Bill Knight (SK)
8. Daniel Levesque (C)
9. Semi Bula (A)
10. Jean-Claude Leclair (C)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Johnny Holt (A)
4. Neil Pattel (A)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. Daviano Pellegrini (C)
7. Larry Paul (E)
8. Jimmy Batten (E)
9. Joe Keresi (Suva)
10. Achille Mitchell (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. John H. Stracey (E-
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Pat Thomas (J)
5. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
6. Trevor Francis (J)
7. Steve Dennis (A)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Peter Morris (E)
10. Terry Petersen (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Dave Green (E)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Gaeton Hart (C)
7. Herbie McLean (S)
8. Gordon Kirk (E)
9. Kerry Bell (A)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Barry Michael (A)
3. Andy Broome (A)
4. Lachie Austin (A)
5. Matt Ropis (A)
6. Charlie Nash (I)
7. Colin Powers (E)
8. Len Blackmore (Guy)
9. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
10. Percy Hayles (J)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Dave Needham (E)
7. Tommy Glencross (S)
8. Eddie Ndukwu (N)
9. Roger Henry (A)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Johnny Owen (W)
10. Charlie Parvin (S)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
1. Gwinne Jones (A)
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SERRANO KO'S HERRERA

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two-handed body attack. But he seemed to have punched himself out and had very little left from this point on.

In the seventh round Herrera displayed very little and was on the defensive throughout. In the eighth Serrano went full steam ahead. He dropped Herrera for an eight count.

The ninth and tenth were a prelude to the fateful 11th. Serrano landed every punch in the books.

In the 11th a battered Herrera was an easy mark for Serrano's steady barrage.

The boy from Ecuador had a disadvantage in every department. He was short in height and reach, and at 30 going on 40, you couldn't ask for anything more than what he was able to give.

7,000 Ecuadorian fans left the stadium after watching their first title match, but they were not too happy; the prices were high, their idol had lost, and the prospect of a new hero in the fistic game are pretty dim.

What's in store for Serrano now? "They're talking about Tyrone Everett meeting Alexis Arguello with the winner versus me," stated the inarticulate titleholder.

But his big problem is managerial, with Martin Montano and Jose (Pepito) Cordero both claiming legal right to his contract.

Serrano couldn't care less, or at least he appears not to. "All I want is six or seven good money fights and then I'll call it quits," he says.

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BURNETT WHIPS RASCON

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Felton Marshall.

It was in 1975 that Jessie, a rising fighter with speed and boxing skills, suffered the first setback, as he lost a 10 round decision to James Scott at San Diego. In his next game Burnett again defeated Alvaro Lopez in 12 heats, but was outscored by the determined Lopez in their third meeting. Jessie, never depressed by the defeats, came on to finish Danny Brewer in three rounds of his last combat that year.

There was a unique episode reported that said that Jessie was hired as one of the sparring partners for Ken Norton, heavyweight top notcher. Burnett moved so fast with his imitation style of Muhammad Ali, that Norton, whose punches were all missing in the air, got angry enough to kick the speedy unknown Jessie and fire him immediately.

In April 1976, Burnett faced world champion Victor Galindez, Argentina, in a non-title contest, losing a majority decision, for one judge called the close affair a draw.

In Tokyo, Burnett averted almost all blows, roundhouse swings by Rascon, and punched him with well timed straight lefts and rights to the face. With great ease Jessie dominated every round to do the trick.

Whether or not Jessie's dream to seize the world throne comes true may depend on Japanese Misako's forthcoming negotiations with the corner of John Conteh, utilizing his financial background with the big TV company.

In a supporting tenner, Masahiro Misako, nephew of Misako, battered Kazunori Shiratori, of Nagoya, at will, and floored him three times and out in the ninth round. Misako, a converted fighter after a high school baseball career, had been demolished by Korea's Jae-Do Yuh for the junior middleweight title in 1975.

RINGSIDE

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pects in his son, DAVID, 18-years-old, a student at Regional Vocational School where he is studying plumbing (a flyweight) and MATT ROSS, 22-years-old, 6'1", 176 pounds and growing, who is unbeaten since joining the "punch for pay" ranks. . .both fine youngsters.

CASSIDY, DOLAN, ANTUOFERMO, FERNANDEZ WIN AT SUNNYSIDE GARDENS

By CHARLES D. BROWN

Sunnyside Gardens (Queens, N.Y.C.) — Light heavy contender Irish Bobby Cassidy (177; Levittown, L.I., N.Y.) squared things with Ramon Ranquello, a Mexican who fights out of Union City, New Jersey. Ranquello had stopped Cassidy in Erie, Pennsylvania six months earlier, with only three seconds to go in the final round. Cassidy was leading at the time. Cassidy did better this time, taking a clear-cut unanimous decision over 10 rounds.

It was a light hitting fight, as Cassidy stuck to safety first counterpunching for the first half of the bout and allowed the younger, more anxious Ranquello to chase him. Ramon took hefty blows starting rounds 3, 4, and 5. Ranquello got into his stride by the fifth heat and started to dig bothersome lefts and rights to Cassidy's stomach. Cassidy was getting tired, but he shook Ramon twice with sixth round left hooks, before taking a grunt-inducing left to the belly at the bell. Ranquello kept up a strong body attack in the seventh, but Cassidy called on his superior experience for the last three heats and that won for him. He preserved his energy and picked his shots—one of them a wild left hook that had Ranquello rubber-legged at the close of the 8th. The bell came to his rescue. Cassidy opened a cut on the left side of Ramon's face in the final heat and worked on it effectively.

The skilled Ray Elson, coming back after a 15-month layoff due to auto accident injuries, looked good as he knocked out Warren Herring (Newark, 176) at 0:57 of round two.

Irish Paddy Dolan, ranked U.S. lightweight, upped his record to 16-2 (8 KO's) in good style. Dolan (132; Northport, L.I.) was fighting the far lighter Gerard Odom (126½; Farmingdale, L.I.). Dolan had previously KOd Odom in three rounds, but Odom had floored him before he accomplished this. Dolan stayed erect this time, gradually seized control of the fight; hurt Odom with a combo to the head in the third. Then, a hard overhand right starched Odom at 2:36 of round 4. Dolan's new trainer, Jimmy Glenn, has helped Dolan immeasurably, giving him a much better style.

In a sixer, Pat Maloney (NYC, 143½) scrambled to a points verdict over George Fakaris (145; Greek-American). Fakaris, usually a windmill slugger, was oddly lethargic tonight. And Maloney is a good, young prospect whom you don't give that kind of edge to. Not without paying a price, which in this case was the decision.

In a heavyweight four, Tyrone Harlee repeated an earlier win at this arena over Tom Healy (190; Queens) as he TKO'd Healy at 1:29 of the second after flooring him once in each round.

▲Synnyside Gardens, Queens, NYC — A large crowd of 1,525 people paying $9,750 packed Sunnyside Gardens to see the first stateside fight of world middleweight contender Vito Antuofermo in 13 months. Vito was having trouble getting work over here, so his manager, Tony Carrione, took the Italian citizen to Europe, where Vito won and lost the European junior middleweight championship. Opponent Pablo Rodriguez (159; Holyoke, Massachusetts) was fresh from a 2-round KO loss to Australian contender Rocky Mattioli and was not expected to be stiff opposition for Vito. He wasn't, and after a creaky beginning, Vito made the crowd very happy with a TKO over Rodriguez at 1:57 of the fourth round.

Things heated up in round three, when both men fell to their knees due to missed roundhouse blows. Antuofermo then started the Walls of Jericho toppling with a knockdowner left hook to Rodriguez's head. Pablo took a slow eight and was floored by body blows at the bell. He beat the count and came out for the fourth, but in between grazing rights, Vito slammed three numbing left hooks to the head and down went Pablo for the third time. He again beat the count, but ref Johnny LoBianco wisely stopped it. Pablo was using the ropes for support and looking very battered.

Dave Conteh (179), billed as WBC light-heavy champ John Conteh's brother, lost his first fight in fourteen outings by a pencil-thin split decision to Eddie Phillips (178; Stanford, Connecticut). Conteh seemed a bit unlucky to lose the decision, but it was close enough so the crowd had no squawk.

John Capobianco, RING prospect of the month who had not lost in about 15 fights, lost his first one 29 seconds from sure victory. The Huntington, L.I. light heavy had scored a previous KO over opponent Otis Gordon (173½; Connecticut) but had to come from behind to do it. This time, Capobianco built up a big lead, after an opening round right had raised a few of Gordon's hairs in an upright position. It was mostly Capobianco after that, as he used the right as his power punch and built up a sizeable lead. A sixth round left uppercut by Cap had Gordon imitating a clothesline in a windstorm for a bit.

At 2:31 of the eighth, Gordon smashed a desperation right to Capobianco's chin. Capobianco fell back like a toppled ironing board and for good measure, banged his head something awful on the canvas.

Another RING prospect, Queens heavyweight Bill Sharkey (182), won his thirteenth straight with a ridiculously easy 2-heat TKO over Johnny Blain (187).

And iron-fisted lightweight prospect Felix Perez (135; Puerto Rico) won his fourth without a loss and had the crowd and his opponent gasping. After a right to the head decked Jorge Luis Rivera (136; N.J.) for 8, Perez finished him off with a right to the pit of the solar plexus that left Rivera gasping for breath, in the traditional "looking-for-a-lost-contact-lens" pose.

▲Sunnyside Gardens, Queens, N.Y.C. — After KO'ing Bobby Rodriguez in the opening round last month, Jose Fernandez did the same icing job on experienced Gilberto Mares (138; San Antonio). Jose is getting careless, though. It took him two rounds to knock out Mares, who had an impressive-looking 36-9-2 record and is supposed to have a decision win over Raymond (Pink Panther) Boyd to his credit.

The semi-final was exciting, as local middleweight Jose Rodriguez (161), having his first serious fight in over two years, scored a tight but unanimous decision over Papo Villa (157; Puerto Rico). It was a bitterly-fought battle, but the most serious injury resulting was foot blisters on Rodriguez, from small shoes. After being staggered in the first, Jose won the fight by sheer determination as he stuck close to the faster-of-hand Villa and traded blow for blow the rest of the way. It was a crowd-pleaser all the way, as Jose jumped to 13-4-2 and Villa slipped to 12-13-2.

The crowd of 1,010 (Gate: 5,292) found some good in all three preliminaries. Miguel Hernandez (151; Puerto Rico) battered Don Morgan (149; Nashville, Tennessee) around for the first two heats, then took Morgan's left counters in stride the rest of the way and eked out a unanimous decision. Hernandez is now 3-0.

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BILLY TURNER TROUNCES ALVARADO

By ROBEY WILLIS

Carson City, Nevada — Billy Turner, 130, returned to his Alma Mater, the Stewart Indian School, Carson City, Nevada, to face Richie Alvarado, 135, Salt Lake City, Utah, in a ten main event. This was the first pro card at Stewart since 1969. Turner didn't disappoint the 651 fans, most of whom were his ex-classmates, by winning every round on the three judges cards. Alvarado who was nearly knocked out, time after time, must be commended for his courage. His record slips to 10-10-1. Turner is now 8-1.

Ray Saldivar, 135, Los Angeles, defeated Tony Sanchez, 135, Stockton, in the eight round semi-main. It was a gruelling fight with Saldivar in command all the way. Saldivar is now 12-3. One of those losses was to Turner.

Veteran Johnny Pinedo, 145, Modesto, showed his usual heart by knocking out Willie Hearne, 149, San Francisco, at 2:53 of the fifth round. Pinedo, who lost the first three rounds, took charge when Hearne began to tire in the fourth and then knocked him out with a blow to the liver.

Other local news: Alvaro "Indian Yaqui" Lopez, 174, Stockton, stopped Clarence "Butch" Geiggar, 170, Los Angeles, recently at the Sahara Tahoe Casino, South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, in the fifth round.

Mike Clark, light heavyweight, 169, South Lake Tahoe, got his pro win with a split decision over Ronnie Whyte, 171, Oakdale, California. It was the best fight of the evening.

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NOTES FROM THE COAST

By ABE HOCHHEISER

Rosselle Rosellini, daughter of movie actress Ingrid Bergman was presented with a silver cauliflower ear award by the California Cauliflower Alley Club at its meeting headquarters in Hollywood.

Her father is movie producer Roberto Rosellini.

Committee members assisting in the presentation were former boxers Aldo Spaldi and Vincent Barbi. Maria Bernardi, former girl wrestler and club secretary, made the presentation with Cauliflower Alley President former wrestler Mike Mazurki looking on, also Marshall Wright Cauliflower Alley executive director.

Riselle Bain, currently the top singing hit at San Francisco's Playboy Club, is the daughter of former lightheavyweight Al "Abie" Bain.

Riselle was once a noted child screen actress. She played the daughter of Eddie Foy in the motion picture "The Seven Little Foys" which starred Uncle Milton Berle.

Al "Abie" Bain, a veteran of the movie and TV screen, was recently honored in person as he was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall Of Fame. Bain, in his heyday, was an iron man of the ring. He fought the best of them. Starting his career as a flyweight, his first bout was against Nick Carter at the Ironbound Community House, Newark, New Jersey. Among the top name ringmen he fought during the 20's and 30's were Jack McVey, Georgie Ward, Rene DeVos, KO "Phil" Kaplan, Tony Galento. Among the champs he met were Pete Latzo, Vince Dundee, Bob Olin and Maxie Rosenbloom.

On his arrival back from New Jersey the gang of guys and gals at the California Cauliflower Alley Club also honored Bain with a "This Is Your Life" ceremony and presented him with the club's emblem of a cauliflower ear plaque.

Former welterweight champ Jackie Fields was inducted into the Cauliflower Alley wrestling and boxing Hall Of Fame. Fields was tendered a testimonial dinner at his Tropicana Hotel and Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada. In attendance were former champs Joe Louis, Jimmy McLarnin, William "Gorilla" Jones, Mushy Callahan and Young Corbett 3rd.

Popular Howie Steindler, owner of the Los Angeles Main Street, is a former New Yorker. During the early 30's he trained fighters at the East Side Henry Street Settlement House gym. He also trained fighters at the Pioneer gym in New York, was trainer for Eddie Shapiro, the original Bronx Express who fought Eddie Ran, Loyaza, Paulie Walker and Phil Rafferty.

Steindler also trained Tony Musto, Joe Boscarino, Tony Reno, Frankie Cardinal, among others. He also was co-manager and trainer of Georgie Hansford, West Coast lightweight of the 40's. Steindler also was matchmaker for Cal Working at the L.A. Olympic Auditorium and matchmaker for Bill Miller at Las Vegas, Nevada, Silver Slipper, was matchmaker for clubs at San Diego, Bakersfield and Ventura, California and served as President of the Southern California Boxing Coaches and managers association.

Former WBC lightweight champ Rudolfo Gonzales is attending Long Beach California State College studying to be an electrical engineer. . .The wife of former junior welterweight champ Mushy Callahan passed away. . .Former middleweight champ Gene Fullmer is opening up new restaurant at Salt Lake City, Utah. . .Veteran boxing manager Tommy Farmer, who piloted former champs Manuel Ortiz and Jackie Jurich, passed away. . .Frankie Van, former West Coast referee, has closed up his gymnasium and health club spot in Hollywood and has gone back to work in the motion picture industry. . .Former middleweight Georgie Abrams is security officer at the "Castaways" motel and casino in Las Vegas. . .Johnny Villaflor, top-rated West Coast trainer who trained former champs Ceferino Garcia and Juan Zurita, passed away.

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HYATT CARDS GOING STRONG

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Lake Tahoe, Nev. — The north shore of this lake, known for its scenic serenity, becomes a beehive of excitement once each month when a top-notch boxing show is presented at the Lake Tahoe Hyatt Hotel.

The idea of the monthly boxing matches was conceived by Mr. Tony Hartman, Director of Promotions for the hotel. Hartman, working with ace matchmaker Bill Dickson of Gardnerville, Nevada, has turned the monthly event into a monumental success.

The matches are held in the Tahoe Hyatt Showroom, whose seating capacity is 850. The room is sold out for every boxing card, and, according to Hartman, more than 200 persons are turned away each time.

Hartman's idea has benefited northern Nevada in numerous ways: give local boxers a chance to display their talents, given boxing fans throughout the area a top-notch card each month, and, promoted the Lake Tahoe Hyatt Hotel into a favorable sports-wise image.

"The boxing crowd here spends more money per head than any other groups of guests," said Hartman. "Our fans come from miles around, from Gardnerville, Minden, Carson City and Incline as well as from the North and South Shores of Lake Tahoe."

Matchmaker Bill Dickson is intent on using local fighters as often as possible on the Hyatt's monthly boxing card.

Said Dickson, "There's a great deal of fistic talent in northern Nevada—and we aim to give these local kids a chance to fight. Every local fighter has his own followers—and this attracts added fans—and adds to the warmth and charisma we want in our boxing shows."

The Hyatt fight card features such outstanding boxers as Harvey Arnold, Billy Turner, Mike Colbert, Vonzell Johnson, Bernardo Mercado, Vincente Medina, and Victor de la Cruz.

A woman's match is also featured each month. Las Vegas' lady fighter, Lavonne Ludian, is a frequent attraction, and, in the November bout, Lavonne knocked out her opponent in the first round.

Boxers and their managers are extremely anxious to fight at the Lake Tahoe Hyatt. "We've never been treated so well," they exclaim. "The best in food and lodging is provided. . .and fighters and trainers are treated like customers."

"After all," exclaims Mr. Hartman, "these people are our guests until they get into the ring."

The Hyatt also pays top dollar to its fighters, providing added incentive for top-notch performances in the Hyatt ring.

The corporate headquarters of Hyatt Hotels has cooperated fully with Hartman.

"We started eight months ago on a trial basis," explained Hartman. "For this reason we rented the ring and all the necessary equipment. But the success of these fight nights has exceeded any expectations. So we are now enlarging the showroom to seat 1100 people and we'll be buying all our own equipment and setting up our own ring when the new room is completed. We also hope to get TV coverage of each bout."

▲**Las Vegas** — Another hat was thrown into the Las Vegas boxing ring when newly-licensed promoter Tony Trudnich presented his first fight card at the Sahara Hotel's Space Center.

The main event featured Lonnie Bennett, the North American light heavyweight champion, against Danny Brewer. Bennett didn't show championship class but Brewer was still no match for his opponent. It was a lack-luster fight until the fifth round, when Bennett scored two knockdowns. Although Brewer staggered to his feet both times, referee Charlie Roth stopped the fight at 2:22 of the fifth round—to keep Brewer from further battering.

A second main event featured eighth-ranked welterweight Kevin Morgan against Jorge Ramirez, both of Los Angeles. The crowd of 580 felt the fight was a complete mismatch and Morgan proved it by knocking out Ramirez at 2:43 of the second round.

A preliminary featuring women boxers saw Lavonne Ludian of Las Vegas take a decision from Perla Nieto of San Pedro. Ludian, despite her close victory, suffered severe nose bleed and a partially closed left eye early in the fight.

In a four-round bantamweight prelim, Jose Luis Diaz of Los Angeles won a unanimous decision over Carlos Perez, also of Los Angeles.

▲**Las Vegas** — The "Strip Fight of the Week," presented by Miller Sports Promotions at the Silver Slipper, saw two exciting main event bouts and two five-round preliminaries.

A heavyweight battle saw Terry Hinke, 213, of Hayward, California, push his opponent, "Dangerous Dan" Johnson, 197, of Los Angeles, for an entire ten rounds. Hinke stalked Johnson during the entire fight and easily won a unanimous decision.

In the second main, "Black Irish" Leroy Haley, 139½, of Las Vegas, won a one-sided 10-round decision over Earl Young, 140½, of Salt Lake City.

Haley, in expert condition, was fast and furious from the opening bell, winning by a score of 50-40 on the cards of all three judges.

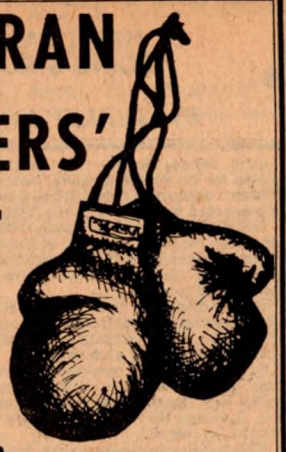
In a preliminary of welterweights, Johnny Lira won a unanimous decision over Anthony Terracino.

A light heavyweight preliminary saw Felton Woods take his second victory in his second professional fight. Woods, at 179, from Las Vegas, easily decisioned Tony Murillo, 178, of Colombia.

▲**Las Vegas** — Three consecutive first-round knockouts made 1977's first Strip Fight of the Week a short and snappy night for 500 fans.

The main event, featuring heavyweights, saw Eddie (The Animal) Lopez demolish Earl McLeay with a wide right hook at 2:36 of the first round. "The Animal" had McLeay in trouble from the opening bell, sending him to the canvas twice before the final knockout.

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT



By Harry Warren

Syd Peskin, formerly known as the Jersey Wildcat, scored a knockout victory over Jimmy Smith, of Belleville, N.J., at Long Beach, N.J. Syd, who fought Smith two weeks before and was K.O'd, certainly reversed the verdict. He gained a New Jersey knockout record when he had a 13 second K.O. Syd, a well liked guy, formerly owned a bookshop in Times Square, New York. He was an active member of VBA, Ring #8, and former president of Ring #8. Syd, who lost his lovely wife Adlyn, sold his bookstore and retreated to Atlantic City. Now we are happy to see Syd active again with the formation of his own Veteran Boxer Association, Ring #34, with headquarters at Long Beach, N.J. Syd Peskin was a very happy man in the days when he was a manager. He handled one of the best middleweight-lightheavies in the business, K.O. Phil Kaplan. They still get together and reminisce about the good old days. K.O. Phil is a member and director of New York's own Ring #8.

One of the most charitable guys around the boxing beat is Jimmy O'Connor, who is a young 66. Jimmy is a stouthearted fellow who is known by all the gym hangers on crowd as a "soft touch." He fought for five years as an amateur and was considered a classy fighter. He joined the paid ranks under the banner of Al Weill and stable mate Jimmy Kelly, and the National Guard's feather champion trained with him. He certainly had some good supporters in his friends the late Ray Meyers and Jimmy Rappaport, both of whom he boxed in his amateur days. The international Hartz Mountain Foods Corporation appreciates Jimmy's excellent footwork—he is the vice president of this multi-million dollar company, and does extensive traveling. Jimmy and his lovely wife, Blanche, attend all veteran boxer affairs from coast to coast. Jimmy's home base is New York, and he is a member of Al Reid's Ring #8.

News from Michigan: in Joe Louis's home town, Detroit, 60-year old Dave Clark, who was a light heavyweight from 1934 to 1940, has been doing the rounds of the clubs. Clark finished his career having had 50 bouts. He was a great amateur, fighting as both a welter and middleweight, winning the National AAU and Golden Gloves titles. He even won six amateur titles in one year. Dave knew Joe Louis very well; they were in the same stable, with the same managers in the Late John Roxborough and Julian Black. Jack Blackburn and Kid Ellis were his trainers. Look at some of the classy fighters Dave Clark fought: Al Gainer, Tiger Jack Fox, Charley Massera, and the great Tony Zale. After Clark's brave stand against Gus Lesnevich, when he was stopped in his quest for the 175 pound world crown in Detroit, he quit the sport. Dave is residing with his beautiful wife, Gwendolyn, in Detroit.

Sammy Graham was a very popular boxing man for years in New York. Sammy, who is now 76, resides in West Hollywood, Florida, with his wife, Mary, and daughters Denise and Gloria. Sam had a varied career. He was manager of Lou Stillman's 8th Avenue Gymnasium. He trained lightweight Ludwig Lightburn for Allie Clark, and was associated for a long time with Lew Burston, and also assisted in the training of middleweight and light heavyweight champion Dick Tiger. We soon forget, but Sammy also worked with three heavyweight champions: Muhammad Ali, Jimmy Ellis and George Foreman. Many of us remember the great work Sammy Graham did as an all around assistant for Harry Markson when he was president of Madison Square Garden Boxing Club.

Another Detroit resident, former fight great Roscoe Toies, is now involved with the Juke Box industry in that city. Roscoe, now 62, sometimes itches to get back in the sport, but wife Alice would sooner have him at home. Roscoe was a friend of the late Dan Parker. He remembers former Commissioners James A. Farley and General John J. Phelan. It was back in 1937 that Roscoe started boxing when he was in the stable of the late manager George Lawrence. Later he was managed by Everett Watson, Joe Woodman and Jack Kearns. After Roscoe retired as a fighter he became a manager and handled the career of Jack McVey, Ace Hudkins and that great Mexican favorite Bert Colima.

One of the most congenial men in the boxing business is Ray Kozak, a member of the board of Directors and 2nd Vice President of Al Reid's Ring #8, of New York. A former boxer and wrestler of note, Kozak officiates at boxing and wrestling shows all over the state of New York and recalls how he entertained the servicemen and women in the 2nd World War as an entertainer with the U.S.O. He traveled the world with Nick Mundy and Soldier Burns. He did a stint with the USO in the South Pacific with the Japanese enemy only a few miles away.

At a recent Ring #8 dinner, which honored Harry Markson, ex-president at Madison Square Garden, and Solly Seeman, the former Pacific Coast lightweight champion, Ray sold 15 tables—(10 seats to a table) and 15 pages of advertisements in the collectors Journal published for the affair.

Met up with Steve Hamas, the New Jersey heavyweight who was a great performer in his day. Steve, always the life of the party, was at the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame dinner, which invariably attracts many of the former greats at its annual dinner and dance. Steve was managed by Charlie Harvey, and had many battles with leading heavyweights. We still remember his two scraps with former heavyweight champion Max Schmeling. Steve Hamas is with the New Jersey State Motor Vehicle Bureau located at Paramus.

Remember "Irish" Jimmy Slavin? He's now 67, a regular member of the Golden State Boxing Association, and has made appearances at the Cauliflower Alley Club where his old pal Lou Nova is the Vice-president. Jimmy, who was raised on New York's West Side, was a first class amateur, joining the paid ranks in 1927. He had 100 amateur bouts and 275 pro contests. Moe Fleischer was his only manager. Slavin has been associated with Budweiser Beer Company for 17 years, and tells me that Leo P. Flynn's lightweight, Lou Paluso, who had plenty of fistic action in the New York area, is with the same company. Irish Jimmy lives at Sepulveda, a nice little town in California. He writes regularly to Lew Feldman, the Brooklyn featherweight who he fought six times. Lew is employed in Hollywood, California, movie studios. Jimmy is also friendly with Suey Welch, who lives at the Elks Lodge and is managing fighters in the Los Angeles area.

Joe Ryder remembers when he stopped Sid Terris and fought the fabulous Tony Canzoneri to a draw. He should be mighty proud of having been married to Mary Cirillo for 46 years. Good luck Joe.

Former heavyweight king Jack Dempsey should be celebrating his 16th wedding anniversary with Deanna. Jack can be proud of the grandchildren—he has, seven in all—five by daughter Joan and two by Barbara. The two Dempsey girls and their families are living in California.

Bob Pastor, who gave that great fight with champion Joe Louis in Detroit, is a security man with Saratoga Raceway. His wife, Florence, and son and daughter, both married, love the countryside.

This writer was truly surprised to learn from Lou Salica, two-time bantam king, that his mother had 14 children, 11 of them living, 33 grandchildren, and 36 great grandchildren. Lou, who looks great, owns and operates his own fish market in the Fulton Street area of Lower Manhattan, N.Y. This greater fighter was managed by the late Hymie Caplin, and had trainers Willie Ketchum, Yussel Levy and the late Artie Rose. Lou, who was born November 16, 1912, joined the paid ranks in 1932 after winning a National Amateur crown in 1932. He won the world title from Sixto Escobar, then Puerto Rican bantam king.

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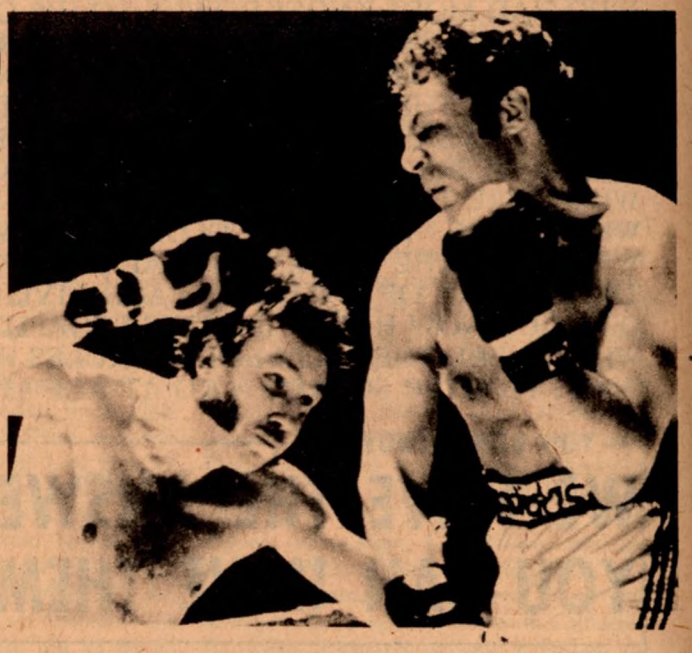

French heavyweight champ Lucien Rodriguez follows through on a right in sixth round action against Belgian champ Jean-Pierre Coopman. Rodriguez won the Brussels fight on points.

Berlin — Promoter Willy Zeller of Germany is not having a very successful 1977 up to now. Already this year two of his champions, Leo Kakolewicz, light heavyweight, and Bernd August, heavyweight, have been beaten and his WBC junior middleweight champion, Eckhard Dagge, was forced to call off his voluntary defense against Juarez deLima, Brazil, in January. Kakolewicz, who faced the Swiss based Spaniard, Francois Fiol, was taken out of the fight in round nine at a stage when he was at least six points in front. Referee Leschot, after giving Kakolewicz a standing count of eight, appeared a little hasty in sending the German to his corner. Fiol, who has won 19 of his 20 professional fights, will now face European light heavyweight champion Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia.

Bernd August was sensationally ko'ed in the second round by his 34-year-old challenger, Kurt Ludecke, at Kiel before a crowd of 2500. After winning the first round by a mile August was caught with a couple of rights to the face and he went to the canvas. He was up immediately, but referee Herbert Nurnberg took his count to eight. Further rights to the face and the champion was dropped again, and although he made his feet the third man continued to count, and for August his crown was lost. It was the 75th German heavyweight contest since 1919.

Those behind Briton Maurice Hope, the official challenger for German Eckhard Dagge's WBC junior middleweight title, brought pressure on promoter and manager Willi Zeller, forcing him to call off Dagge's defense against deLima. The British party, although objecting to the fight, were prepared to let it go on under certain terms and conditions laid down by them. The conditions were such that the German promoter threw them out, protested to the WBC and cancelled his Berlin date.

Benny Briscoe, with his right eye almost closed, and Willie Warren, whose right eye was cut in the second and his left eyebrow slit in the sixth, finished their ten rounder with the points being shared. It was impossible to separate these two warriors who had fought their hearts out in hope of victory and a fight with Carlos Monzon, who was at the ringside. Pity only 1500 bothered to attend this meeting in Nice at the Salle Leyret venue. It was not a great fight, but a tough and brutal affair.

Although there were only sixteen promotions in Germany during 1976, the lowest number ever, it was quite a good year for the sport with promoters coming up with three world, two European and eleven German title fights. Active boxers numbered 46, six more than in 1975, but still few compared with the 123 in 1955. Eckhard Dagge was named "Fighter of the Year" having won the WBC junior middleweight crown from Elisha Obed and then making a successful defense against Emile Griffith.

Sixty-six year old Piero Pini, Italy, General Secretary of the EBU, is in hospital having been shot four times in the left leg. Former European light heavyweight champion Adinolfi, Italy, spent several days in jail for the shooting, but was later released when a dozen or more witnesses claimed they had seen the champion some 60 kilometers outside of Rome at the time of the shooting in Pini's office. Adinolfi was disappointed to find that Francois Fiol, Spain, had been nominated to meet the European champion, Mate Parlov. Adinolfi lost his crown to Parlov late last year when the third man stopped the fight.

70 year-old Charles Conen, manager of Francois Fiol, Spain, was knocked down by a car and killed.

▲**Santander**—Junior lightweight. Cecilio Lastra beat Frank Realhino, KO3. Lightweight. Ungidas outscored Salim Mimoun, eight. Junior welterweight. Josines decisioned Mohatar eight.

▲**Reus**—Flyweight. Germano Yeste outscored Valeriano Morales, six.

▲**Bilbao**—Fernando Sanchez outscored Wa Bukasa, eight. Welterweight. Marcos Jiminez beat Juan Morales, TKO4.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna**—Junior middleweight. Austrian, Josef Tiger Pachler beat Regis Yapende, Africa, the towel being thrown in during round eleven.

HOLLAND

▲**Amsterdam**—Rudi Koopmans, Hollands undefeated middleweight, beat Briton Frankie Lucas, who was disqualified in the seventh. Referee Rinus Schulein called a halt after the Briton had been warned about his dangerous head. James Vrij, a Dutch welterweight, outscored Peter Morris, of Britain, over eight rounds. Morris took a mandatory count of eight in round eight.

▲**Groningen**—Middleweight Rudi Koopmans, Holland, beat Joe Oke, TKO4. Welterweight. James Vrij beat Jurgen Voss, TKO7.

DENMARK

▲**Coppenhagen**—Middleweight. Ayub Kalule, a Copenhagen based Ugandan, won his fourth professional bout beating Briton Larry Paul. At the 2 minute 40 second spot of round two, Paul was decked from a left hook and just failed to beat the count. Welterweight. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, disappointed, but outscored Antonio Lauri, Italy, eight. Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm, who represented Denmark at the Munich Olympics, outscored Italian Santino Reali, four. Middleweight. Per Mullertz, Denmark, outscored Italian Mariano Salamone, four. Junior welterweight. Having his third outing after a lay off for three years, Erkki Meronen, Denmark, beat Abdul Kaja, Libya, knocking out the latter in round one with a right cross.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Berne**—A crowd of 3000 saw Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, outscore Fahsrithong Fairtex, Thailand, over twelve rounds, junior flyweights.

▲**Ghent**—Francois Fiol, a Spaniard who has lived in Switzerland for sixteen years, won a European light heavyweight eliminator beating the German champion, Leo Kakolewicz. The Swiss referee, Lechaux calling a halt in the ninth. The

fight took place in a Swiss Television studio where it was beamed out to Yugoslavia and Germany. 650 guests saw the fight which cost 15000 Swiss francs to promote.

GERMANY

▲**Kiel**—German heavyweight champion Bernd August lost his crown to Kurt Ludecke, being koed in the second round by rights to the face. Middleweight. 19 year old, Rene Zeller beat his fellow countryman Hans Heukeshoven with a KO2. Hans was sixteen years his senior. Boualem Belouard, Algiers, who is now a German citizen, won the German junior lightweight title ko'ing Klaus Jacoby in the third. It was the first time the title had been fought for since 1970. German Lothar Abend lost a junior light battle to Frenchman George Colin, the third man calling a halt in round eight when the German's eyebrow was cut. Abend, who had been on top in the early rounds, took a count of eight in the seventh. In a non-title fight German Jorg Eipel (19) beat his sixteen year older opponent, southpaw Jurgen Voss, Germany, on points over eight rounds.

▲**Rome**—Lightweight. Domenico Monaco beat Domenico Radiccione, TKO7. Light heavyweight. Pietropaolo Copezzone beat Giordeno Mori, KO3.

▲**Faenza**—Light heavyweight. Cristian Cavina outscored Gino Freo, eight.

▲**Gardone**—Heavyweight. Rinaldi Pelizzari beat Franco Giannini, TKO4.

▲**Milan**—Middleweight. Norberto Cabrera beat Roberto Benacquista, TKO7. Junior welterweight. Juan Antonio Merlo outscored Oscar Aparicio, eight. Welterweight. Vincenzo Moruzzi decisioned Lorenzo Nardillo, eight.

▲**Vigevano**—Featherweight. Luigi Tessarin outscored Ambrogio Mariani, eight. Junior welterweight. Salvatore Musolino decisioned Giuseppe Pappalardo, six.

▲**Piacenzo**—Heavyweight. Vincenzo Pespane outscored Coulibaly Dembra, six. Junior light. Abasse Macauley beat Salvatore Morello, KO2.

▲**Nice**—Benny Briscoe and Willie Warren drew a ten rounder.

▲**Trieste**—European light heavyweight champion Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, drew a ten rounder with Matthew Franklin of America. Franklin brought about Parlov's first defeat in a professional when they met the first time in May last.

▲**Cagliari**—31-year-old Natale Caredda won the Italian featherweight crown outscoring Sergio Emili over twelve rounds. The bell saved Emili in the final heat.

▲**Pesaro**—Damiano Lassandro beat Aldo Bentini, who was disqualified in the second, to win the junior middleweight title of Italy. Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Martinese outscored Giuseppe Minotti, eight. Welterweight. Pierangelo Piras outscored Nicola D'Orazio, six.

BELGIUM

▲**La Lovierre**—Junior middleweight. Pol Payen beat Leandre Pante, TKO3.

▲**Zele**—Lightweight. Mario Redi beat Rudi Haeck, TKO6. Welterweight. Alois Carmeliet and Augusto Lauri drew their eight rounder. Heavyweight. Rudi Gauwe beat Maurice Trepant, KO3.

▲**Liege**—Middleweight. Michel Stini outscored Dino Walker, eight. Welterweight. Dirk DeClerk decisioned Richard Rodriguez, eight. Jean Symos outpoined Mohamed Mechia, eight.

▲**Liege**—Heavyweight. Jean Pierre Coopmann, Belgium, outscored Rot Cookie Wallace, USA, over ten rounds.

▲**Izegem**—A crowd of over 3000 saw local matador Jean Pierre Coopman outpoint Briton Neville Meade over ten rounds. Referee Robert Desgain and the two judges all voted in favor of Coopman, 96-95, 97-95 and 97-96. Belgian, Dirk DeClerk beat Britain, Mike Copp who was disqualified in round four for being dangerous with his head.

FRANCE

▲**Paris**—Junior middleweight. Joel Bonnetaz outpointed Kevin White, ten. Junior welterweight. Claude Lormeau beat Jean Pierre Moreau, TKO4. Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen outscored Gerard Breton, eight.

▲**Periqueux**—Middleweight. Jean Mateo decisioned Luis Vinales ten. Junior welterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache outscored Efisio Pinna, ten.

▲**Tarbes**—Welterweight. Luois Acaries outpointed Antonio Lasado, eight.

▲**Paris**—Frenchman, Louis Acaries outscored British welter Billy Waith over eight rounds. Waith lost, but his performance went down well with the local fans.

▲**Marseilles**—French middleweight champion Gratien Cohen beat American Bob Payton in the seventh, the third man calling a halt. A right hook to the jaw decked Payton, and on rising at nine he was still unable to defend himself.

▲**Chantilly**—Frenchman Robert Amory decked Briton Tony Allen with a left hook to the body in round four, and on rising the referee called a halt. Allen appeared to be in front at the time of the stoppage.

SPAIN

▲**Madrid**—Heavyweight. Alfredo Evangelista beat Lissoko Abibobele, TKO5. Raul Gorosita and Ngozika Ekwellum drew their eight rounder. Junior middleweight. Mimoun Mohatar decisioned German Wolfgang Gans, eight. Bantamweight. Juan Rodriguez decisioned Antonio Garcia Tanio, eight. Featherweight. Antonio Rubio beat Francisco Aparicio, KO4.

▲**Santander**—Junior lightweight. Cecilio Lastra outscored Roland Cazeux, eight. Junior welterweight. Jose Pedro Godoy outpointed Ungidos, eight. Bantamweight. Pedro Molledo decisioned Angel Oliver eight. Featherweight. Roberto Castanon beat Fernando Bernardez, TKO5.

▲**Zaragoza**—Heavyweight. Albert Lovell decisioned Benito Escriche, eight. Junior middleweight. Jose Luis Palocios decisioned Juan Pena, eight. Junior welterweight. Santiago Cebollada and Augustin Plou drew their eight rounder.

▲**Madrid**—Elio Cotena, European featherweight champion, surprisingly lost his crown to Spaniard, Pedro Nino Jiminez, retiring at the end of round twelve.

▲**Santa Cruz**—Welterweight. Domingo Barrera Corpas beat Francisco Trujillo, KO1.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Alfio Righetti (I)
2. Jose Urtain (S)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
5. Kurt Ludecke (G)
6. Bernd August (G)
7. Henny Thoonen (H)
8. Lorenz Zanon (I)
9. Bepi Ros (I)
10. Rudi Lubbers (H)

LIGHT HEAVIES
* Mate Parlov (Yug)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Harald Skog (N)
4. Francois Fiol (S)
5. Ennio Cometti (I)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Omelio Grando (I)
8. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
9. Quintana Trujillo (S)
10. Freddy DeKerpel (B)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
* Germano Valsecchi (I)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Jean Mateo (F)
3. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
4. Rudi Koopmans (H)
5. Frank Reiche (G)
6. Mario Romersi (I)
7. Poul Knudsen (D)
8. Roberto Benacquista (I)
9. Julles Bellaiche (F)
10. Wolfgang Gans (G)

JUNIOR MIDDLES
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Rocky Matioli (I)
5. Jose Duran (S)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. Joel Bannetaz (F)
8. Damiano Lassandro (I)
9. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)
10. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)

WELTERWEIGHTS
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Vittorio Conte (I)
2. Jorgen Hansen (D)
3. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
4. Tony Ortiz (S)
5. Alain Ruocco (F)
6. Luciano Boracia (I)
7. Italo Venturi (I)
8. Domenico DiJorio (I)
9. Giovanni Molesini (I)
10. Georges Warusfel (F)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
* Dave Boy Green (GB)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
2. Cemal Kamaci (T)
3. Primo Bundini (S)
4. Miguel Velasquez (S)
5. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
6. Elisio Pinna (I)
7. Fernand Sanchez (S)
8. Jean Saadli (F)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
* Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Antonio Puddi (I)
3. Fernand Roelands (B)
4. Andre Holyk (F)
5. Vincent Quero (I)
6. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
7. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
8. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
9. Pietro Meraviglia (I)
10. Oliviero Pierleoni (I)

JUNIOR LIGHTS
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
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2. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
3. Cecilio Lastra (S)
4. Roland Cazeaux (F)
5. Rudi Haeck (B)
6. Georges Colin (F)
7. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
8. Manuel Llata (S)
9. Roldolfi Sanchez (S)
10. Miguel Molleda (S)

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2. Nevio Carbi (I)
3. Natala Caredda (I)
4. Segio Emili (I)
5. Pasqualino Siracusa (F)
6. Michele Siracusa (F)
7. Albert Amatler (F)
8. Manuel Masso (S)
9. Michel Lefbvre (F)
10. Ambogio Mariani (I)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
* Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
1. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Pedro Molledo (S)
4. Fernando Bernardez (S)
5. Luigi Tessarin (I)
6. Teodoro Corallo (I)
7. Salvatore Avella (I)
8. Lucio Vailati (I)
9. Gianni Garbo (I)
10. Rodriguez Figueroa (S)

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* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Franco Buglione (I)
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HECTOR THOMPSON HALTS BENI IN 10TH

By RAY MITCHELL

Australia—The year 1976 ended with two Commonwealth title fights and one State title. In the second to last of these fights Hector Thompson, 140, successfully defended his Commonwealth junior welterweight crown against Martin Beni, 140, of Papua New Guinea, at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium. The bout ended in the 10th round. Beni had just risen from the only knockdown in the fight, but was dazed so I (ref) stopped the fight.

Thompson did not lose a round. He gave the impression that he could have ended the fight any time he wished. Beni fought gamely, but Thompson is the complete pro, and that difference between the two contestants was obvious.

▲**Orange, N.S.W.**—Six nights later, Billy Moeller, 129, held his Commonwealth and Australian junior lightweight titles by outpointing Barry Michael, 129¼, a rising young Aussie who was fresh from a victory over W.B.C. ranked junior welter Wangso Suseno in Indonesia. It was a hard fight with much energy expended, but there was no danger of either boy being knocked down. Moeller won clearly, but not easily. As with the Thompson-Beni bout, experience showed.

Moeller was the first ever to win the Commonwealth crown in the junior light division. That was in May 1975, and the same three officials of that bout were in control in the Moeller-Michael mill. Yours truly was referee. Former Australian and Commonwealth welter champion George Barnes was one judge. Don Marks, secretary of the Australian Boxing Federation and an international judge was the other judge. The decision to Moeller was unanimous.

▲**Bankstown R.S.L. Club**—Aggressive Steve Walker, 112, and Steve Bell, 110, met to decide the vacant flyweight championship of the State of New South Wales. Bell was favoured to win, having beaten Walker twice and drawn with him once in their three previous meetings. It did not pan out that way. Walker unleashed a big one in round four and Bell was gone. Referee Alf Weymark stopped the fight and crowned Walker.

▲With the year over it is timely to review 1976 in Australia. The Australian Boxer of the Year was Hector Thompson. He defended his Australian and Commonwealth junior welter titles against Andy Broome and Ross Eadie. He defended his Commonwealth title alone against Martin Beni. He won the Australasian welterweight title, he knocked out Chuck Wilburn and outpointed Carlos Gimenez and Alfonso Hayman. In all he had eight fights during 1976 and won the lot. Thompson stands out as the best pound-for-pound boxer in Australia today.

There were seven Commonwealth title fights contested here in 1976, three of them—Thompson-Broome, Thompson-Eadie and Paul Ferreri-Brian Roberts—automatically carrying Australian title defences. Thompson KOd Broome in 6, Eadie in 15. Ferreri beat Roberts on points over 15 for the two bantam crowns.

Tony Mundine defended his Commonwealth light-heavy title in knocking out Baby Boy Rolle. Tony also defended his crown in Ghana, knocking out Victor Attivor.

Monty Betham, of New Zealand, held his Commonwealth middles title by halting Aussie champ Semi Bula in the ninth round, a broken jaw bringing the end of the fight. Thompson halted Martin Beni in round 10 of a Commonwealth junior welter defence, as stated earlier.

The final Commonwealth title tilt in Australia last year was the Moeller-Michael mill covered earlier in this column. Moeller also defended in Nigeria, outpointing Mama Clay.

On a personal note, I refereed four of the seven Commonwealth title tilts held in Australia in 1976.

There were 15 Australian title fights, and coming into 1977 the following held national titles here: Maile Haumona, heavy; Tony Mundine, light heavy; Semi Bula, middle; Johnny Holt, junior middle; Steve Dennis, welter; Hector Thompson, junior welter; Lachy Austin, light; Billy Moeller, junior light; Merv Wockner, feather; Paul Ferreri, bantam; Charlie Brown, fly.

Some outstanding fights took place last year. My vote for the best and most exciting was the Billy Mulholland-Lance McConnell N.S.W. State junior lightweight title. Mulholland won by KO in round seven. Second most exciting was the Phil Khan-Ben Holt junior middleweight mill which was won by Khan by ko in round nine.

Busiest boxer was junior middleweight Ron Sheldon who turned pro early in 1976 and ran up 24 fights during the year. He won 19 of these, lost four, drew one.

Figures were down badly in 1976. For example there were only 339 active boxers, not including importations. There were 128 promotions at 34 venues. In 1975 the figures were: 450 boxers, 166 promotions, 31 venues. In 1974 they were 607 boxers, 222 promotions, 33 venues. Figures have been declining since 1970. In that year we had 1308 boxers, 377 promotions. In 1971 there were 1176 boxers, 359 promotions. In 1972, 933 boxers, 276 promotions. In 1973, we had 738 boxers, 241 promotions.

GHOLSTON AND KORANICKI SLUG OUT DRAW

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Local heavyweights Joe Gholston and Mike Koranicki slugged their way to an entertaining 8-round draw at the Wagner Ballroom for promoter Barry McCall.

Gholston and Koranicki had met earlier this year with Koranicki being awarded the decision after a close battle. This time it looked like Gholston had done just enough to sneak home with the nod. However, the draw verdict was not too far off the mark and everybody seemed happy.

Both men took turns battering each other. Gholston, 207, scored well with left jabs and straight right hands. Koranicki, 202, landed often with hard hooks from both hands.

In spite of a lot of leather thrown, neither man was down or cut.

In a punch-filled six Gerome Goodman, 156, edged fellow Philadelphia James Macey, 160. Goodman never stopped punching, but I felt Macey's shots were cleaner and that the decision should have gone the other way.

YOUNGBLOOD WILLIAMS, UNBEATEN TAKES CAMPER

By NIGEL COLLINS

▲Philadelphia, Pa. — Unbeaten Youngblood Williams scored his 13th victory with a unanimous 8-round decision over Lester Camper in a rather uninspiring match.

Promoter Barry McCall had another near-capacity crowd of around 1,000 on hand at his Wagner Ballroom club.

Youngblood, 155½, started quickly and had Camper down twice in the second round. The first knockdown came as a result of a crashing right hook that really shook Camper up.

The game Camper, 158, tried hard to fight back in the third, but Williams' punches were always just a little bit harder and the Philadelphian stayed in control.

As it became apparent that he could not stop Camper, Youngblood appeared to become disinterested. The bout dragged to a conclusion with Williams doing just enough to offset Camper's efforts.

Alex Coleman, 150, folded up for Richie Bennet, 160, in 1:30. Coleman was rescued cowering in a corner.

Kid Sampson, 162, was fed Scott Tate, 160. Tate went bye-bye shortly after Sampson gave him a mean look.

Talented "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell, 140, got in two or three swings before novice Paul Thomas, 142, packed it in.

Now John "The Hammer" Howard really did get hit in his short, but electric, fight with Caveman Lee.

Howard, 160, came out fast and tagged Lee with a good shot. Then Caveman, 153½, exploded with a flurry of punches that sent Howard down hard. "The Hammer" got up but Lee finished him with another volley.

▲The Liberty — Adventuresome promoter Barry McCall opened another small club, this time in the North East section of Philadelphia. He had a nice cozy crowd of about 700 for his debut card at this catering hall.

In the main event Billy "The Kid" Abel took a rousing eight-round decision over tough Carlos Duprey. Both men gave it all they had and the fans rewarded them with a real big hand. Abel, 130½, did some pretty boxing, but was never given an inch to breathe by the busy Duprey, 130.

Carlos had Abel hurt and on the deck in the third round when he caught him with a good left-right to the chin. Abel got up, but was being pressed at the bell.

Abel boxed his way back in charge and scored well with snappy counters the rest of the way to earn the just verdict.

Although it was still another loss for Carlos he put up the fight of his life and almost pulled a big upset in the third.

Dennis Szychulski, 160½, made the customers happy with a first round KO over weak chinned Edward "Hotdog" Benson, 164.

Tom Harris, 159, charged to the attack in the opening round only to run low on gas and loose a 4-round nod to Daryl Lampkin, 154. Harris's aggression made for a lively scrap.

Jay Jenkins, 148, stretched Scott Tate, 150, with a left hook in the first round.

In the best prelim Mike Prciotti, 142, won a hard fought four-rounder over Hector Prima, 139½. Prciotti did well when he stayed outside and used his good left jab. However, when Prima got within punching range he lashed out with punishing shots to make it close.

SPONAGLE RETAINS CANADIAN 135 TITLE

By FRED BISHOP

New Glasgow — Barry Sponagle, 132, Westville, N.S., is still Canadian lightweight champion, but with a push from a couple of blind judges as he came out with a draw over twelve rounds against #1 contender Johnny Summerhays, 133, Brantford, Ontario. Summerhays, who was robbed of his title in Halifax last June, had all the big punches today as he fought a clean fight, punching well with both hands, although he backpedaled throughout. Sponagle, meanwhile, bustled around the ring with both hands busy, but failed to land one punishing blow in the fight as Summerhays landed with punishing left jabs followed by double hooks and in the later rounds vicious bolo punches from the tenth through the twelfth with Sponagle fielding them all perfectly.

Judge Ken Miller voted for Summerhays 58-51, judge George Petrie voted 55-55, while former Canadian champion Tyrone Gardiner went for the champion 56-54, the RING card was 54-46 Summerhays.

In the semi-final six, fast learning Olympic star Chris Clarke, 146, Halifax, ran his pro record to five straight, all kayo's, as he gave Terry Summerhays, 146½, a bad beating before putting him away at the 2:59 mark of the third. Three vicious left hooks did the job for Clarke, who loves a rough fight. And he got one from Summerhays. (This kid Nat is a future prospect of the month, believe me.)

In another six, Trevor Berbick, 210, Halifax, ran his record to three straight, all kayo's, as he scored a second round knockout over Ace Lucas, 204, Burlington, Vermont, in a blood bath.

Also in six rounds, Joey Bordon, 175, New Glasgow, Maritime lightheavyweight champion was well ahead of veteran Archie Lee, 172, Halifax. Lee, a sneaky right hand bomber, could not suck Borden in, and walked away with a unanimous decision much to Lee's disgust.

In the opener, also a six and by far the best fight of the card, Kelly Oickle, 156, Sydney, N.S., a devastating puncher, hit Ricky Zarbatany, 160, Montreal, with everything but the ring posts, but the gamester from the Roger Larivee stable took all the bombs, got in a number of his own and was only floored twice, both for standing eight counts to win all the fans, but lost a unanimous decision as both boys received a standing ovation. Young Dennis Vint promoted and drew a gate of $14,000 from 2100 fans in the very cold arena.

▲Halifax — Determined for a third bid at the world welterweight title, Clyde Gray, 147, Windsor, N.S. completely outclassed Kevin Odus, 138, Nigeria, as he defended his British Commonwealth Title by scoring a fifth round TKO. Odus is not ranked by RING or by the British Commonwealth Ratings committee, but it was the British committee that designated Odus as a challenger.

After a tame first round, Odus came out in the second throwing barnyard lefts (he's a southpaw) that all but took him off his feet as the fast punching Gray came inside pounding both hands to the body. Near the end of the second a right hook dropped Odus for a four count, but as he came up Gray stepped up the tempo hammering Odus with effective hooks to the body before a right smash dropped Odus for an eight count. In the third and fourth Gray cuffed the African all over the ring.

In the fifth, bleeding from the nose and mouth and with a defense like a novice, referee Herb MacMullin called things off after a Gray right drove Otus halfway through the ropes, the time 1:40 of the scheduled 15 rounder.

A fine turnout of 4,500 fans, who paid a gross gate of about $40,000 for the Al Brown-Gussie MacLellan card appeared happy with the show.

In the semi-final of six rounds and by far the best fight of the night, Domingo Ortiz, 171, New Jersey, was the victim of a raw decision as the judges liked the looks of popular Damiano Pellegrino, 167, Toronto.

In anothe six, southpaw Chris Clarke, 147, Halifax, won his fourth straight (all by kayo's) as he stopped Willie Davis, 137, Stanford, Connecticut, midway through the fifth. Clarke is coming on, but needs better and bigger game, but remember the name, he's a comer.

In another six, Trevor Berbick, 213, Halifax, won his second pro start by stopping game, but outclassed, Bobby Halpern, 184, Bronx, N.Y. in the third of a rough affair. Halpern, a good left hooker was far too slow for the fast moving Berbick who scored repeatedly with his best punch, left hooks to the body.

FOURIE OUTCLASSES GUTIERREZ, NIXON KO'S STEYN

By ED CLARK

DURBAN—Coming in as a last minute substitute for Gordon Goba young Daniel Sereme made Maxwell Malinga, former welterweight champion fight all of the way to win their 10 round junior middleweight bout on points at Curries Fountain Stadium. Sereme held more than his own in the first five rounds and Malinga came on strong in the last five with body punching to clinch a close verdict. Sereme used a good left jab to advantage and scored freely with left hooks to the head. Malinga, having only his second fight this year after a suspension, tried all the tricks he knew and used his greater experience against the 22 year old Sereme, but Sereme made him fight every inch of the way. Malinga, who concentrated on the body for most of the fight, was cautioned by the referee for boring and warned to keep his blows up.

Anthony Morodi still has what it takes and did not have too much difficulty in outpointing Jackie Coleburg over eight rounds in the junior lightweight division. Morodi scored with a variety of blows, but the old power had forsaken him and Coleburg "posed" far too frequently instead of providing action.

Richard Ndlovu decisioned Amon Nkabinde, 6, middleweights; Siphwe Bhengu outscored John Ngwena, 6, feathers; Essau Dlamini T.K.O.'d Chris Dube, 3; Isaac Dube K.O.'d Alpheus Dlangisa, 1, welters; Zacharia Thabetha K.O.'d Alfred Maduna, 1, junior middleweights.

▲DURBAN—Pierre Fourie still has "it" and at the West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium won clearly on points over 10 rounds against Mexico's Rafael Gutierrez. Fourie's left jabs were on target and his whiplash punches to the head and body were faster than the blows from the Mexican. Fourie beat his man to the punch time and time again and Gutierrez could only share the sixth round. Gutierrez never gave up trying, but he lasted their light heavyweight fight out because Fourie doesn't have a punch to put his opponents away.

California's Mike Nixon, with a stream of thunder-packed rights to the jaw of S. Africa's Gert Steyn, stopped Steyn in the fifth of a scheduled 10 rounds junior middleweight fight. Steyn, who had previously stopped his two overseas opponents in the first was dropped four times and on rising at "8" conceded defeat to Nixon. Nixon was very impressive and scored with solid combinations in the first round and was adept at infighting. Steyn landed good left hooks in the second to take the round, but Nixon rallied in the third to drop Steyn with a hard right to the jaw. Steyn rose on shaky legs and took two more counts in this round. Fighting by instinct, Steyn came back in the fourth, but the American was picking his shots and making each one tell. In the fifth Steyn was sent backwards by a left then dropped to his knees by a right. He got up at "8", but signalled to the referee he couldn't go on. In the third round Steyn was down for at least 17 seconds while Nixon took his time to go to a neutral corner.

Andre Rheeders continued winning ways as he caused former junior lightweight champion Tony Clarke to retire in the fifth round. Clarke was cut on the cheek and was made to miss badly and was well beaten when his right hand was injured causing him to quit. A few days later Clarke announced his retirement from the ring.

Robbie Baronet posted his first win as he stopped Hennie Ludick in the first, lightweights; Coenie Bekker decisioned Matt Ludick, 4, middleweights; Wally Brown T.K.O.'d Petrus Karstens, 4, junior welterweights. This second international tournament in Durban within six days lost money as about 2,000 fans rolled up.

▲SHORT JABS: Maurice Toweel of Springbok Promotions has Carlos Monzon, middleweight king, signed up for a title defense against Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini, local middleweight champion. Should be easy for Monzon. "Tap-Tap" was beaten on points by Britisher Carl Speare and American David Love last year.

MEMPHIS CARD A HIT

By RED FORTNER

Holiday Inn, Rivermont, Memphis, Tennessee — The Memphis fighters went against fighters from San Antonio, Texas. The results are as follows: Earl Wilson of Memphis, featherweight, KO'd Bobby Flores of San Antonio with a right cross in the fifth round; Arnell Thomas of Memphisl KO'd Juan Pina of San Antonio in the third round; Phil Reed of Memphis, KO'd Juan Lopez of San Antonio in the second round; Semi Black of Memphis was KO'd by Robert Vasquez in the sixth round; Shannon Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, decisioned Chico Rodriguez in a featherweight bout.

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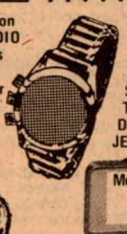

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GUSHIKEN NAMED JAPAN'S FIGHTER OF YEAR

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — Unbeaten WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken was named Fighter of the Year by the boxing section of Tokyo Sports Writers Club. 21 year-old Gushiken of Okinawa captured the title in his ninth pro game, as the lefthander dropped Juan Guzman of the Dominican Republic time and again and flattened him in the seventh round in Kofu City on October 10. His showing was so impressive as to win all the fight scribes' votes.

The Technique Award went to Shoji Tsujimoto, JBC welterweight titlist, who kept the national crown with a fine display of speed and skills nine times. However, Tsujimoto failed to wrest the WBA title on October 27, when the tall lefty sank at the hand of 19 year-old Mexican Jose Cuevas in six bad rounds in Kanazawa City.

The valuable Victory Prize was given to Royal Kobayashi, who took the WBC so-called super bantamweight championship via an eighth round kayo of Panama's Rigoberto Riasco in Tokyo, although the KO artist lost the title to Yum Dong-Kyun in his first defense 45 days later in Korea.

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The Award for Fighting Spirit was unanimously won by Koichi Wajima, ex-world junior middleweight leader who recaptured the WBA version from Yuh Jae-Do by a sensational 15th round knockout in Tokyo, February. His next defense resulted in a real upset kayo by Spain's Jose Duran in 14 gruelling rounds, also in Tokyo, May. Since then Wajima, 33, has not fought in 1976. He was considering whether he should hang up the gloves or not, but Wajima recently announced a comeback in order to regain the international throne for the third time.

The Efforts Award was given to Orient welterweight champion Ryu Sorimachi, who continues a long reign, and defended the OBF title nine times, including beating Korean Chong Yong-Gun in 12 lopsided heats in November.

JBC middleweight champion Masashi Kudo, undefeated in 13 pro bouts, was called Best Rookie, for the showed substantial improvement in polishing off Yuichiro Watanabe in three aggressive rounds in June.

Southpaw Gushiken's kayo of Guzman was chosen Fight of the Year without objection.

As for the amateur ringsters who did not collect any medals in the Montreal Olympic Games, Yukio Odagiri was named Best Amateur Boxer, for the student of Takushoku University won Japan's featherweight final impressively in spite of the fact that he lost in Canada.

Lefty welterweight Yoshibumi Seki of Chuoh University, bright prospect whom the professional front eagerly advises to try his fists, received the Amateur Efforts Award. He also suffered a controversial loss in Montreal.

▲Osaka — Footworker Apollo (Fumihara) Yoshio, 129¼, the Orient junior lightweight champ, engaged in the second game this year with his title at stake. Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium witnessed Apollo floored by Filipino Leo Viajedor's counterpunch in the second round, but the Japanese showed a fine recovery in battering the tough import to overcome the deficit.

A unanimous decision was given to the resident of Osaka, as JBC officials and a foreign judge scored the hot affair 58-53, 58-52 and 58-50 in Apollo's favor under a five-point-must system.

From the third round on Apollo took the initiative in scoring with speedy combos that shook up Viajedor occasionally.

In round eight Apollo had the opponent reeling to the ropes with his specialty, a solid left hook, and had Leo at bay. The loser scaled 130 pounds, the limit of the class. Apollo, rated by the RING after a disputed draw with Ben Villaflor in 15 heats years ago, had better engage in more games to prevent ring rust like that seen in earlier rounds this night.

In a supporting tenner, Hitoshi Takahashi, up-and-coming lightweight at 134 pounds, coached by Fighting Harada, easily demolished Akio Seki, local favorite weighing 135, in three rounds. Takahashi continues a winning streak which began with his taking a kayo win in Seoul last October.

▲Tokyo — In the undercard of the second showing of foreign fighters since a Muhammad Ali vs. Mac Foster encounter, where rated Jessie (Misako) Burnett of the U.S. demolished Mexico's Bobby Rascon in the fourth session, Masahiro Misako barely finished Kazunori Shiratori, underrated opponent, in the ninth round at Korakuen Hall.

In round nine Misako sent a volley of punches to the face and had the rubber-legged guy on the deck three times before he was awarded an automatic kayo win. Both scaled 144½.

In another supporting event, lefty Shoichi Yanagawa, at 152¼ and from Nagoya, lost to Minoru Ono, ex-Shinjin-o winner at 153 pounds, in 8 sluggish rounds.

Some 1,200 customers were in attendance to see the doubleheader.

▲Tokyo — A long battled Shinjin-o ('Novice King' in Japanese) tournament was coming to an end to have an East Japan final take place at Korakuen Hall.

In a junior flyweight class, 18-year-old highschool student Toršyuki Murakami, 106¾, scored a quick upset kayo in dropping Shizuo Kawano, 107¼, on three occasions and out in 122 seconds of the opening session.

Bazooka (Odajima) Shoji, 111 pounds, nailed Toshio Sugatani, 112, against the ropes occasionally to batter the latter aggressively, winning a unanimous decision in a flyweight six.

Bantam hope Kosei Anan, 117½ and 20 years of age, continued a winning streak by flattening Kazuhito Eikura, one pound lighter but taller by inches, in two.

Ali-stylist Takao Kawaguchi, hitherto unbeaten in eight outings, utilized his feet rather than his fists, outmaneuvering lefty Yoshihiro Takahashi, 120½, to take a unanimous nod in a junior feather six. Kawaguchi, 121¾, threw thrice as many punches as the favorite puncher did.

Featherweight Kesaharu Tsuruta, who abandoned the school life of Takushoku University to try his power punching, became the best Eastern Shinjin-o victor, as he was downed by Tadashi Akiyama three times, but then dropped his scrappy opponent and pummeled him into submission midway in the fourth round. Each weighed 126 pounds.

Another give-and-take affair was halted with only one second left in the final sixth round with a winner named Mitsuo Kobayashi. The tall, straight puncher kissed the canvas in the fourth and sixth, but desperately fought back with a flurry of punches to have Tomio Nimiya, 129, down on the ropes and out. Kobayashi, 129¼, was by far behind on points up to the trick, taking the junior lightweight trophy.

The lightweight division saw ex-Thai-style kick boxer Chikara Ryu, 135½, outjabbed, outpunched and outlegged by lanky Chitose Yamaguchi, 135, who stretched the sturdy rival unconscious with two knockdowns.

In the 140-pound class, Tsugio Tanaka, who weighed in at the limit, showed a superior power, stopped nervous Shigeru Goda, 138½, in no more than five minutes.

In just one minute of the third round, left-hander Kan'ichiro Takase, 145½, flattened Tsutomu Watanabe, 146¾, after the former survived a bad knockdownin the second round. Each belonged to Yonekura Gymnasium.

Flooring Shuichi Tomotake twice in the first round, but being battered by him in the second and fourth sessions, Katsuo Esashi, 158 pounds, scored another strong right to send his man to dreamland in the fifth round to cop the middleweight leadership.

▲Tokyo — A dual tenner attracted 1,000 customers to Korakuen Hall. Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto, 128 pounds, overcame a four inch disadvantage in height by moving forward constantly and mixing it up aggressively to win a close duke from Bomber (Shoji) Uchida in ten. Uchida, also 128, tried to outjab the shorter non-stop guy only to grab Nemoto repeatedly. What gave Spider a slight edge on points was not his effective punching but his positiveness.

In a companion tenner, Satoru Uehara, 118, displayed speed and precision to technically finish Takashi Azuma, 117, in the ninth session.

▲Tokyo — A crowd at Korakuen Hall was amazed to watch Futaro Tanaka, JBC top contender in the 122-pound class, down time and again, finally to sink for the count at the hand of left-hander Shigeyoshi Adachi, rising puncher at 124¾ and JBC No. 4 featherweight, in the sixth round. Tanaka, closely decisioned by world champ Yum Dong-Kyun in Osaka this year, was aiming at another shot at the Orient crown, but his vaunted durability proved to be insufficient.

25-year-old Tanaka, half a pound lighter, started as vigorously as previously, but seemed to forget the fact that Adachi was a brutal roundhouse southpaw who had overwhelmed another windmill, Ushiwakamaru Harada, this year. Though battered about the face, Adachi never retreated but fought back with very wild right leathers with which the left decked the prefight favorite on the canvas in the second and third rounds. Tanaka kept the distance to avoid a mutual exchange of blows, sent straight punches, and took the fourth session. It was in round six when Adachi scored with a well-timed strong short right at the button of Tanaka, who fell down flat and barely stood up late for the third man tolling the ten.

In a supporting ten, ex-national flyweight champ Kenji Kato, 111½, faced a tough youngster named Hiroyuki Kanda, Shinjin-o of this year at 111 pounds, and won a hairline decision after their resistless rallies. The JBC officials saw the crowd-pleasing game for Kato: 49-48, 50-47, and 49-46.

▲Bankok — Up-and-coming flyweight Yoshiharu Suga of Japan went to Thailand to meet Montsiam Mahachai, ex-Orient junior flyweight leader, but suffered a TKO loss in the eighth session.

▲Tokyo — The 30th All JapanUniversity Boxing final took place at Korakuen Hall, where Chuoh University defeated Takushoku University by a score of 8 to 3. Bright welterweight Yoshibumi Seki, Olympian lefty, was reported to be turning pro and to belong to Hitoshi Misako's Gymnasium, after the competitions were over.

▲Tokyo — Hitherto unbeaten Shinjin-o Shuichi Isogami, 117½, was unable to show the vaunted combo until the seventh round to be outpunched by crafty lefty Go Mifune, JBC No. 5 bantamweight at 117¾, who copped a hairline but popular nod in 10 frames. Some 1,300 spectators saw the scrappy prospect's first defeat in his 11th game, regarded as an important stepping stone for Isogami to reach the national title. Mifune, brutal veteran with 21 wins in 37 previous bouts, quickly solved the rookie's nervousness as well as his monotonous mobility. Isogami, 21 year-old hope who had halted six men in nine triumphs, willingly bored in and tried to trade a barrage of punches at Go's sharp-edged chin, but Mifune stepped back a little faster than Isogami forwarded, scoring with well-timed counterpunches.

JBC officials saw the gory affair for 26 year-old Go. Referee Uchida 48-46, judge Ugo, 48-47, and Morita, 48-47. Isogami, depressed by the close setback, will have to learn more tricks in addition to his usual whirlwind rally, if he wants to beat the top notchers in the JBC rating.

The semi-final also saw a quick finish as Ikko Kitagaki, JBC, is No. 9 junior featherweight at 121½, lopsidedly banged out Seishi I, 121¼ pounds, with incessant punches, until I's one solid right sank the former for the count midway in round three.

After an amateur career, Ko Tomonari, 132½, entered in the pro ring for the second time, sent a vicious left hook at Hisami Suzuki's button and collected his second victim in round two. The flattened loser scaled 134¼.

Busy lefty banti Kazumasa Tamashiro fought to a see-saw draw with Masaru Fuji in a supporting sixer.

▲Okinawa — Dethroned in the semi-windup of his stablemate Yoko Gushiken winning the WBA junior flyweight throne via a seventh round kayo of Juan Guzman in Yamanashi Prefecture two months ago, Flipper (Haruji) Uehara, 125¾, showed superior determination in his native land of Okinawa, where the ex-champ decisioned Hidemi Yoshida of Yokohama, 126 pounds, to regain the JBC featherweight title in 10 hot frames.

▲Tokyo — Before well-packed 2,000 fans at Korakuen Hall, one of the strongest guys in any class in Nippon, Shoji Oguma, hard-punching ex-WBC flyweight champ, was knocked out flat by underrated Kimio Furesawa, top contender in the domestic rating, in the eighth round of a scheduled tenner.

25 year-old lefthander Oguma had demolished all opponents but one in these two years (the Japanese lost a 15 round decision to deft Alfonso Lopez for the WBA title in April), but came back strongly with kayo wins from Koreans Yim and Park. Furesawa compiled a record of 22 wins with six kayoes against six defeats and five draws.

At 2:49 of the eighth round, Furesawa sent a volley of punches to Oguma's face, and had the lefty retreating all the way, and amazingly stretched the ex-champ with a wicked long left. When Oguma managed to regain his feet, the third man had finished tolling the ten against the bleeding southpaw. Up to the stoppage, of course, Oguma looked the points victor.

Oguma experienced the first knockout loss in his 32nd battle, 27 of which he won and 16 of which he finished within the distances, against only four losses to Betulio Gonzales, Miguel Canto and Lopez. Oguma had seldom kissed the canvas and was taken for a possessor of a harder jaw.

Furesawa battered Hiroyuki Kanda, Shinjin-o of this year, unanimously to win a 10 round decision in his previous showing. This result was televised nationwide and caused great astonishings of fight fans. Both flyweights entered the ring at 113 pounds.

In the second 10 round game, Shigeo Nakajima, 22, a graduate from Komazawa University, defeated Beaver Kajimoto, JBC No. 2 flyweight, by scoring a shutout decision in his fourth pro game. They weighed 113 pounds.

The first tenner saw a majority draw by Uichiro Hayashida and Toshio Nishi in a bruising give-and-take superbantam contest.

RAFAEL RODRIGUES COPS NOD OVER RUCKARD

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minnesota — Rafael Rodriguez, 149¾, Minneapolis returned to local action as he completely roiled over Sammy "Candlelight" Ruckard, 148, Spartanburg, N.C. to win an easy ten round decision at the Auditorium before 885 fans.

There were no knockdowns in the fight, although Rodriguez hurt Ruckard several times with hard, sharp right hand shots. The counterpunching of Rodriguez along with solid left hooks made him the master. The scoring went 100-87, 100-89, and 99-89, all for Rodriguez. The win now gives Rodriguez a 20-4-1 record, Ruckard is 18-15-0.

Scott LeDoux, 224, Minneapolis, received an early Christmas present in the person of Junior "Rocky" Bentley, 202, Lenoir, N.C., as Scott easily dispatched Bentley at 1:10 of the second round. LeDoux is now 19-4-1. Bentley, who knows?

In the third scheduled ten the best fighter in Minnesota Doug Demmings, 164, Minneapolis, repeatedly drilled Gary Thomas, 158¾, Indianapolis, to score a sixth round stoppage. Near the end of the fifth Demmings caught Thomas with a stiff right to the jaw to floor Thomas, and he didn't come out for the sixth. Demmings is now 19-1-0.

Chuck "Kid Polack" Daszkiewicz, 152, Minneapolis (5-0-0) stopped Alex Olivio, 147, Chicago (1-2-0) in the second round.

Chuck Gardner, 219½, Minneapolis (2-0-0) decisioned Wilson Williams, 236½, Chicago (0-2-0) in four rounds.

Pro debuting Greg Frazier, 175, Minneapolis, stopped Lucky Patterson, 172, Chicago (0-3-0) in the third round.

▲St. Paul, Minnesota — The main event at the Prom Center Ballroom pitted top welterweight prospect Gary Holmgren of St. Paul against eight time grandfather Al Franklin of Minneapolis. At the end Holmgren won a unanimous ten round decision as he applied constant pressure and never gave Franklin a chance to mount an attack.

GENE WELLS BEATS VINCENT FOR SOUTHERN MIDDLE TITLE

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

ORLANDO, Florida—They were talking about it for months in advance, and they'll be talking about it for months to come.

It was the long-anticipated Southern middleweight title fight between a pair of Orlando stars, and the largest crowd ever here turned out at Orlando Sports Stadium to see former Southern champ Irish Gene Wells, 158, take a unanimous ten round decision from Mr. Excitement himself, 150-pound Joey Vincent, in a real thriller.

A whopping 3,640 fans, double the usual turnout, paid to see a match that more than lived up to the pre-fight hoopla. It wasn't that it was so close—the classier Wells pot-shotted his way to scores of 98-92 twice and 97-93—but it was a battle all the way, and maybe tighter than the official verdicts indicated.

Neither man was down, although each was shaken several times. Both Wells and Vincent were cut, but neither seriously enough to hinder their performances. There is no demand for a rematch, but both men draw well here on their own and will be seen here again often. This was Vincent's 30th local showing, while Wells was making his 19th Orlando start.

Irish Gene, 33, boosted his record to 51-10-4, 20 KOs. Mr. Excitement is now 30-5-2, with 26 KOs.

It was promoter Pete Ashlock's first card of 1977 (84th overall here). Matchmaker Bruce Trampler would like to pair either Sanford's Taco Perez, or Orlando's Mad Dog Ross, with Wells on future cards.

Vincent was trained and guided through the full ten rounds with Wells by Dominick Polo, the man who normally prepares and seconds Gene. The new titleholder flew out to Houston to get ready for Vincent, and was trained there by co-manager Bill Watkins. Vincent was seconded by Polo, Jack Fletcher, and Rick Logan, while Watkins and Joe McKenna handled the Wells corner.

The undercard, consisting of four six-rounders plus three amateur bouts, went as follows: Milton Owens, 159, Orlando, outpointed Eddie Davis, 158, Tampa; Sammy Masias, 149, Homestead, stopped Tiger Hall, 152, Sarasota, in five; Scott "Golden Boy" Clark, 147, Orlando, stopped Henry Davis, 153, Washington, D.C., in two; Ed "Savage" Turner, 181, Orlando, stopped Willie Goodman, 186, Eustis, in two.

Milton Owens (9-0) and Masias (6-0) are both unbeaten prospects, while Clark is now 10-1 and Turner 16-5-1.

Honored on this big evening in local boxing were members of the news media, including: Ch. 2 TV (Ken Brown, Mick Andrews, and Buddy Pittman), Ch. 6 TV (Mike Barry, Marty Stebbins, Bob Glascoff, and T. Taylor), Ch. 9 TV (Lee Watson and Paul Budline). . .George Curcio, an extremely knowledgeable 16-year-old who writes two boxing columns weekly in the "Cupboard News". . .WKIS Radio (Bud Brewer and Don Grider), WDBO Radio (Bil Stamper and Tracy Dent), WLOF Radio (Bill Baumann and Greg Gentleman). . .Louis Sapsis of the nearby Sanford Herald. Of interest, and possibly considerable future importance to local attendance, was the presence of Brian Schmitz of the "Orlando Sentinel Star," the only daily newspaper in the city, which had refused to give promoter Ashlock any coverage at all for more than a year. The arrival of a new editor from the parent "Chicago Tribune" could apparently pave the way for regular boxing coverage, especially important since it is the only professional sport in town. Schmitz had a story the day of the Wells-Vincent bout, and the day after. It has long been known locally that sports editor Steve Vaughn and his staff are sympathetic and very interested in Sports Stadium boxing, but their hands were tied by the powers higher up.

Ring introductions prior to the main event included light heavyweight contender Mike Quarry, former baseball stars Dean Chance and Dave Johnson, Tampa matchmaker Joe Brady, lightweight Frankie Santore, former Souther Jr. middleweight boss Taco Perez, and current Southern 154-pound champ Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross.

▲FERNANDINA BEACH, Florida—Max Hord, 156, the fistic pride of this coastal hamlet, picked up his fourth straight knockout, this time belting out Andy Walsh, 161, Memphis, in the first round. Hord was badly cut in the opening moments, but continued to apply the pressure and fire away with both hands. A long right finally nailed Walsh on the chin, and it was goodnight Irene.

▲Orlando — It was the biggest show ever seen at promoter Pete Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium: seven pro fights, three full-contact kick karate matches, and seven amateur bouts on a gala presentation that began at 6:30 and ran until 11:15.

Ashlock and Rev. Clyde Green, whose Central Florida Children's Home benefited from the super card ("Bombs Away on Pearl Harbor Day!") were rewarded by the second largest crowd of the season, and the fourth largest in Pete's 82 local promotions.

Topping the bill was Southern junior middleweight king Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross, who rallied to halt Bahamian middleweight boss Rennie Pinder in a brutal non-title match.

Ross, 157, survived some rough early rounds in which he was repeatedly shaken, to eventually wear down and halt Pinder, 163, who could not answer the bell for round seven. It was tough for "Mad Dog" to concede that much weight to a rugged, durable foe, resulting in a standing ovation at the end that is becoming the rule, rather than the exception, when "Mad Dog" Ross goes to war.

The figures now on Ross: 39-1-1, 30 kayos. . .21 straight wins, unbeaten in his last 31 starts in the last 18 months. . .he went into 1977 as the RING's No. 6 U.S. junior middle contender, and off his great record figures to shoot up to the top of those rankings. . .had 18 fights in 1975, and 16 bouts in 1976. . .hopes to earn a world title match in 1977. . .boxed this year in Orlando, Albuquerque, Muncie, Indiana, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Miami Beach.

In the co-feature, State welterweight champion Joey Vincent, 147, Orlando, halted Tiger Johnson, 146, Jacksonville, in the third round of a title defense. Vincent, a.k.a. "Mr. Excitement," was boxing for the 16th time this year and won his ninth straight, to improve his record to 30-4-2, 26 KOs. Joey also holds the Southern middleweight crown.

Five six-rounders opened the pro part of the card:

Frankie Santore, 136, Orlando, outpointed Freddie Majors, 134, Bahamas, which got a standing ovation, and boosted Santore's record to 16-2-1, 11 KOs.

Outstanding prospect Ernie Barr, 176, Bahamas, outpointed Nat Gates, 174, Sarasota, on split decision.

Unbeaten Milton Owens won his eighth straight, halting Al Moss, 156, Bahamas, in four, with the "Black Widow" weighing 161.

Unbeaten Sammy Masias, 147, Homestead, gained his fourth pro win by halting William Vasser, 150, Zellwood, in the first, and Scott "Golden Boy" Clark, 145, Orlando, whacked out Jose Rios, 146, Homestead, in the opening round, too.

Highlighting the karate portion of the action was an appearance by world ranked Gary Edens. Local amateurs John "Hurricane" Hayden and James Salerno turned in winning efforts in their ring bouts.

▲Throughout the rest of Florida — Ashlock finished the year with 23 cards, three more than 1975. Chris Dundee had 12 Miami Beach promotions, Jim Peacock three in Fernandina Beach, with solo cards in Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood and Melbourne. . .Brunswick, Georgia, ran twice just north of the Florida state line. . .the 41 promotions is a drop of 12 from 1975, when Dundee had five more shows, Tampa (dead this year) went 6 times, and some other small towns also ran. . . .

In Orlando, the capital of Southern boxing, 1977 box office appeal will fall on the shoulders of such brilliant prospects as Santore, Clark, Masias, and Owens, with established 10-round fighters such as Ross and Vincent carrying their share of the load. . . .veterans Wells and Perez are considering retirement, Termite Watkins is continually plagued with health problems, and Quarry's chase of a world title fight appeared to likely keep him from frequent Orlando appearances.

The six months of trainer Dominick Polo's teachings in the Sports Stadium Gym manifested themselves in the vast improvement of Ashlock's boxers. The hiring of Lee Geiger as amateur matchmaker and promotional director served to provide better shows and increase the gates, although Orlando Sports Stadium is basically a small club, averaging $4,500 at the door. Nonetheless, such name fighters as Jimmy Ellis, Elisha Obed, Quarry, Earnie Shavers, Johnny Boudreaux, Scott LeDoux, Tony Licata, Andy Kendall, Cleveland Williams, Vinnie Curto, Ray Anderson, and Gary Summerhayes have all appeared here.

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Sid Rosen

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Buenos Aires: At the Luna Park ring and in the feather class, Hipolito Nunez outpointed Juan J. Noguera in 10.

▲**Bahia Bianca:** In the Jr. welter division Juan J. Jimenez, brother of the Argentine Jr. welter class Carlos M. Gimenez kayoed Mario "Hammer" Miranda in five rounds.

▲**Centenario:** Jose Luis Valdez beat Pedro Trelles by a TKO in six. They are lights.

▲**Rosario:** (Welters): Rene Campos beat Floro Zarza by a disqualification in 8.

▲**Rio Cuarto:** In the Jr. welter class Ramon Allende kayoed Luis Contreras in the second round.

▲**Canals:** In the feather division Raul Bianco whipped Juan C. Alvarez in 10.

▲**Santa Rosa:** Argentine welter champion Miguel Angel Campanino kayoed Catalino Sosa in first round in a non-title bout.

▲**Trelew:** In the feather class good prospect Juan D. Malvarez decisioned Ramon Gonzalez in 10 rounds.

▲**Concordia:** In the welter division Ramon Ramirez kayoed Catora Alvez in 8.

▲**Trenque Lauquen:** Good prospect in the Jr. middle division, Alfredo H. Cabral, beat Alberto Almiron in 10 rounds.

▲**Los Toldos:** Eduardo Sandoval beat Domingo Zalazar by a TKO in five.—(Lights)

▲**Mendoza:** In the fly division Ramon Soria outpointed Raul "Nico" Perez in 10.

▲**San Juan:** In the Jr. welter division veteran Raul Venerdini decisioned Francisco Lopez in 10 rounds.

▲**Rio Gallegos:** Miguel Angel Fernandez and David E. Pavon drew in 10. (Welters)

▲**Lobos:** In the lightheavy division hard puncher Hector Altamirano kayoed Faustino Caceres in fourth round.

▲**Santa Teresa:** In the Jr. welter class Americo Avalos whipped Daniel Garcia in 10 rounds.

▲**Tostado:** In the middle division Jacinto Fernandez beat Ramon "Clay" Perez by a TKO in the third round.

▲**Huinca Renanco:** In the welter division Hector H. Alvarez beat Oscar Ose in 10 rounds.

▲**Jesus Maria:** Miguel Figueroa beat Julio Campagna in 10. They are lights.

▲**Roque Saenz Pena:** In the feather division Julio Alegre decisioned Raul Colombo in 10.

▲**Charata:** Rodolfo Calderolli beat Juan C. Lanzarini by a TKO in six. (Bantams)

▲**Neuquen:** In the welter Jr. class Juan Inostroza won Felix Lozano in the fourth.

▲**17 de Agosts:** In the Jr. light class Miguel A. Gonzalez kayoed Anibal Martinez in five.

▲**O'Brien:** In the Jr. middle division Raul Guillermo decisioned Damian Deheza in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring, Argentine and South America Jr. light champion Victor Echegaray outpointed Oscar "Cachin" Mendez by points in round 10. Non title bout.

▲**Dolores:** In the welter class Hector Quinteros beat Manuel Pedroso by a disqualification in the second round.

▲**Carlos Paz:** Jose Casas and undefeated Sergio Palma drew in 10. They are bantams.

▲**La Rioja:** In the bantam division Rolando Lahoz beat Carlos Cordoba in 10.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Veteran welterweight Anibal Di Lella kayoed Nestor Vitadini in nine rounds. They are welters.

▲**La Paz:** In the bantam division Roberto Barrientos decisioned Victor Centurion in 10 rounds.

▲**Rosario:** In the middle class Manuel Gonzalez (not the Argentine middle Jr. champion) beat Delfin Cabrera in six rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring hard fighter in the fly class Juan C. Rios beat Felipe Rojas in 10.

▲**Bahia Blanca:** Ex-Argentine middle champion Rodolfo Rosales kayoed Juan "Yani" Garcia in the 10th round.

▲**La Rioja:** In the Jr. welter division Argentine champion Carlos Maria Gimenez outpointed Carlos Peralta in 10 rounds. Non title bout.

▲**Cordoba:** In the middle class Hugo Saavedra decisioned Hugo Obregon (10).

▲**Rio Cuarto:** In the light class, good prospect Ramon Araujo beat Pedro Aguero in 10 rounds.

▲**Junin:** In the Jr. welter class Norberto "Canilla" Garcia beat Osvaldo Scazziota by a TKO in the third round.

▲**General Pico:** In the light division Abraham Valenzuela and Marciano Tura drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Catamarca:** Argentine bantam champion Julio C. Saba decisioned Jose Vicario in 10. Non title bout.

▲**Resistencia:** In the heavy class Domingo D'Elia beat Pedro Sabadini by a TKO in the sixth round.

▲**Rosario:** In the Jr. middle division Rogelio Zarza outpointed Carlos Villalba in 10.

▲**Oncativo:** In the fly division Ruben Pasero beat Manuel Quinteros by a TKO in the 8th round.

▲**Campana:** In the welter class Raul Paz beat Ruben Giordano by points in 7 rounds by a medical decision.

▲**San Juan:** In the Jr. light class Juan de Dios Acosta kayoed Rodomires Madriaga in the first round.

▲**Parana:** In the lightheavy class Ricardo Balmaceda whipped Miguel Duro in 10 rounds.

▲**San Carlos:** In the bantam division Hugo Villarruel and Argelino Gonzalez drew in 10. Villarruel retained his local title.

▲**San Justo:** In the Jr. middle class Carlos M. Herrera kayoed Raul Sosa in the second round.

▲**Las Varillas:** In the Jr. middle division Luis Sosa won Oscar Ayala in 10.

▲**San Rafael:** Florentino Correa beat Jorge Paez in 10. They are welters.

▲**Jesus Maria:** In the feather class Orlando Lucero kayoed Miguel A. Ruiz in the third round.

▲**Mendoza:** New Argentine middle champion Hugo Corro beat Julio Medina by a TKO in the third round in a non-title bout.

▲**Tucuman:** In the Jr. light class Martin Leiva decisioned Hugo Davila in 10.

▲**Allen:** In the welter division Mario Acosta decisioned Horacio Gonzalez in 10.

▲**General Pinedo:** Juan C. Acosta and Ricardo Rivarola drew in 10. Feathers.

▲**Salta:** In the feather class Ramon Benitez and Modesto Gomes drew in 10.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia:** In the light class Miguel A. Gutierrez kayoed Celestino Pacheco in the seventh round.

▲**Buenos Aires:** A the Luna Park ring and in the welter class Horacio Saldano outpointed Ramon Mendez in 10 rounds.

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the middle division Antonio R. Paez kayoed Juan Barrientos in eight rounds.

▲**Dolores:** In the Jr. welter division Abel Funes beat Juan Alderete by a TKO in five.

▲**Santa Elena:** In the welter division Juan Suarez kayoed Carlos Viggiano in the eighth round.

▲**Buenos Aires:** A the Luna Park ring and in the Jr. welter division Hugo Luero beat Floro Zarza by a TKO in eight rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca:** In the light class Oscar "Cachin" Mendez decisioned Jorge Gomez in 10 rounds.

▲**Mendoza:** In the light class good prospect Mario Ortiz kayoed Gregorio Villavicencio in the second round.

▲**Tunuyan:** In the Jr. welter class Alfredo Sosa beat Oscar Quevedo in 10.

▲**Salto Argentino:** In the light class Venancio Gonzalez won Segundo Aguirre in 10 rounds.

▲**Pergamino:** Undefeated in the middle class Jose M. Flores outpointed Juan Carlos Artaza in 10 rounds.

▲**Villaguay:** In the fly class Hector Barreto kayoed Juan Ibalo in the second round.

▲**Cordoba:** Argentine fly champion Rodolfo Rodriguez outpointed Gilberto Lopez in 10. Lopez is Uruguay champion in the fly class.

▲**Rosario:** Julio Campagna beat Argentine champion in the light division Nicolas Arkuzsyn in 10 rounds in a non-title bout.

▲**Rio Cuarto:** In the fly division Raul "Nico" Perez beat Hugo Emer in 10.

▲**Lobos:** In the Jr. light class Nestor Palacios beat Rodolfo Arce by a disqualification in the third round.

▲**Canada de Gomez:** Ricardo Magallanes beat Juan D. Ruiz in 10. They are welters.

▲**Mar del Ajo:** In the light class Santiago Lopèz whipped Eduardo Sandoval in 10 rounds.

▲**Neuquen:** In the middle division Camilo Gaitan outpointed Andres Olmedo in 10 rounds.

▲**La Rioja:** Ramon Perez beat Oscar Fatima Barrios by a disqualification in the 8th round.

▲**Posadas:** In the light class Raul Colombo decisioned Alfredo Galvan in 10.

▲**Concordia:** Rodolfo Rojas beat Juan C. Galvan by a TKO in 3. They are welters.

▲**Charata:** Ramon Tevez kayoed Juan Bardi in 3 rounds. They are welters.

▲**Reconquista:** In the feather division Pablo Lencinas beat Hector Ferreyra by a TKO in five.

▲**Sunchales:** In the Jr. middle class Alberto Zumoffer kayoed Edgardo Nunez in 11 rounds and won the local title.

▲**Salta:** In the light class Rafael Prieto decisioned Carlos Ibanez in 10.

▲**Tucuman:** Gustavo Martinez whipped Enrique Aguero in 10. They are feathers.

▲**Villa Mercedes:** In the lightheavy class Carlos Bailone beat Adolfo Salvatierra in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires:** A the Luna Park ring and in the fly class Angel Lois Fernandez whipped Miguel Angel Lazarte and in the middle class hard puncher Alfredo H. Cabral kayoed Angel Poblete from Chile in the third round.

▲**Bolivar:** In the light class Jesus Romero beat Ramon Gonzalez in 10.

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the lightheavy division Ramon Cerrezuela won Guillermo Aguirrezabala by a disqualification in the fourth round.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz:** In the light division Jose I. Funes outpointed ex-Argentine light champion Hugo Gutierrez in 10 rounds.

▲**General Roca:** In the light class Juan Inostroza kayoed Manuel Zapata in 4.

▲**Santa Rosa:** In the welter class Juan R. Cabral whipped Hector Caceres in 10.

▲**General Pinedo:** In the welter division Juan Morales decisioned Epifanio D. Pavon in 10.

▲**Dolores:** In the middle class Cesar Duarte beat Alberto Cardozo by a TKO in five.

▲**Rosario:** In the heavy division Roberto Cardozo kayoed Miguel A. Silva in six rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring, undefeated in the light class, Oscar Albarracin beat Jose Maria Lopez in 10.

▲**Canadade Gomez:** In the Jr. middle division Antonio Lopez beat Julio Paletta in 10.

▲**Santa Rosa:** In the welter class Walter Gomez kayoed Nelson Torres, from Chile in 6 rounds.

▲**Tucuman:** In the welter division Horacio Saldano beat Vicente Martinez by a TKO in the 10th round.

▲**Bahia Blanca:** In the Jr. welter division Juan J. Gimenez beat Miguel Maldonado in 10 rounds.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz:** In the bantam division Jose Casas beat Alberto Martin in 10 rounds.

▲**Rosario:** In the feather class Ruben Riani beat Eduardo Echeverria in 10.

▲**Coronel Pringles:** In the heavy division Pablo "Clay" Sarmiento beat Jose Navarro by a TKO in the second round.

▲**San Luis:** Abraham Valenzuela beat Victor Echegaray in 10. Jr. light. Non title.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** Juan M. Zuniga beat Galindo Gonzalez by a TKO in six (Lights).

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BRUCE FLOWERS

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more determined to learn the manly art. A few months later he clashed with Rocco again, but this time the story was a bit different. To say Bruce gave Rocco a good beating would make good copy, but what really happened was that Flowers improved so much that at the end of three rounds it was a fairly even contest. This showing against the very capable Rocco prompted young Flowers to enter the ring in actual competition.

Harry Garsh was managing Rocco and attended all the gym workouts, so it was natural that when Bruce Flowers chose a manager he picked Garsh. In a total of 52 amateur bouts, Bruce won 50, one of his defeats coming at the hands of future world lightheavy King Paul Berlenbach, then boxing as a lightweight.

Bruce boxed his first pro bout in 1924, winning a four-round decision over Mike Sargent. He next year saw him decisioning Billy Fitzsimmons; knocking out Lou Reno; drawing with Joey Kaufmann and Andy Divodi; dividing a pair with Augie Pisano; then closing out the year dropping a close decision to Murray Elkins. 1926 was a big year for Flowers. He stopped Phil Richards and won decisions over Nick Pettit, Alvan Irving, Bill Palmer, Boots Antley, Nat Kawler, Burt Brown, Lew Paluso, Sammy Vogel and Murray Elkins. In addition he boxed a draw with Bob Robideau, and had no decision verdicts with Tom Farley, Mickey Taylor, Ray Mitchell, Matt Mario and Al Bryant. In 1927 he went to the post 12 times without a defeat, stopping Sig Keppan and Johnny Ryan and winning decisions over Alex Hart (twice), Harry Wallach, Tony Vaccarelli, Charlie Rosen, Joe Celmars, Jack Bernstein (twice), Eddie Elkins and Al Winkler. Four years earlier, Bernstein had been junior-lightweight champion.

In 1928 Bruce had his successes and his failures, and the start of his fistic decline. He started off well, winning over Bobby Burns and Eddie Elkins; boxed a draw with Lope Tenorio; defeated Dick "Honeyboy" Finnegan and Whitey Shortway; lost a decision to Eddie "Kid" Wagner; won over Billy Petrolle and Spug Myers; then hung knockouts on Nat Kawler and Stan Loayza. In a rematch with Loayza, Bruce dropped a ten-round decision; then in succession he lost decisions to Billy Petrolle, Lope Tenorio, Dick Finnegan, Lou "Kid" Kaplan and Billy Wallace. His next start was against Jack Bernstein, whom he stopped in six rounds. He lost a ten-rounder to Johnny Jadick, then wound up the year of 1928 with a good win over former world lightweight king Jimmy Goodrich.

The following year (1929), Bruce ran off seven straight victories, stopping Eddie Guida, Jack Manley, Joe Trabon and Joe Abrams; winning decisions over Jimmy Goodrich, Joe Kaufman and Bucky Boyle. Jackie "Kid" Berg came over from England and faced Flowers in a ten-round slugfest that will be remembered by all who witnessed it as one of the greatest battles in fistiana.

After 10 hectic rounds the decision went to Berg. They repeated this donnybrook two weeks later with Berg again grabbing the duke. Berg defeated Bruce a third time a few months later. There was no doubt that time and the tough battles he had fought were taking their toll. Flowers dropped three decisions to Billy Wallace; twice lost to Henry DeWancker, Jake Zeramby and Bucky Lawless. He came back slightly by stopping and then decisioning Pinky Kaufman, and winning over Frank Lefay.

The following year (1930) he boxed a draw with King Tut, won over Hermie Perlick; twice lost in rematches with Tut, again won over Perlick, then stopped Tommy Grogan in one heat. He next boxed Justo Suarez, and absorbed a terrific beating, being stopped in the sixth round. Bruce then dropped a decision to Ralph Lenny, and was stopped by Sammy Fuller. He retired in 1931, but like so many before him, made an unsuccessful comeback in 1934.

After suffering a few losses to ordinary fighters, Bruce again decided to retire—this time for keeps.

He recalls an interesting fight night while competing in a four-man elimination. Bruce won his first bout. So did his brother, Oliver, who was reputed to be "one heck of a fighter." So the stage was set for brother to box brother, with neither one too anxious to comply. This was a close-knit family. After much haggling with the promoter of the show, they agreed to "fight it out." For the first two minutes of the first round they circled each other, feinted and flicked harmless jabs in the empty air, then clinched without landing a punch.

The jeers of the crowd prompted the referee to step in and stop the fiasco, calling it "no contest." The only answer Bruce had for the promoter was, "Blood is thicker than water."

Bruce Flowers was a fine gentleman who raised ten children, seven boys and three girls. Two of the sons, Bruce, Jr., who recently passed away, and William were members of the New Rochelle Police Dept. Bill is a detective.

The sons are: Bruce, Jr., William, Ernest, Arthur, Kenneth and Roger; the daughters, Adelaide, Betty and Virginia. There are 20 grandchildren. Bruce Flowers was the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Westchester County Veteran Boxers—Ring #30 and was a lifetime member.

The heart of this great individual stopped on June 7, 1971, and I was a mighty proud man to be called on by the family to give the eulogy on this fistic phenomenon. He left behind a fine ring record, a family that will forever cherish his memory, but most of all the feeling of friendship he held for all who knew him. He likes at rest in Beechwoods Cemetery, gone but always remembered as "The Pride of New Rochelle."

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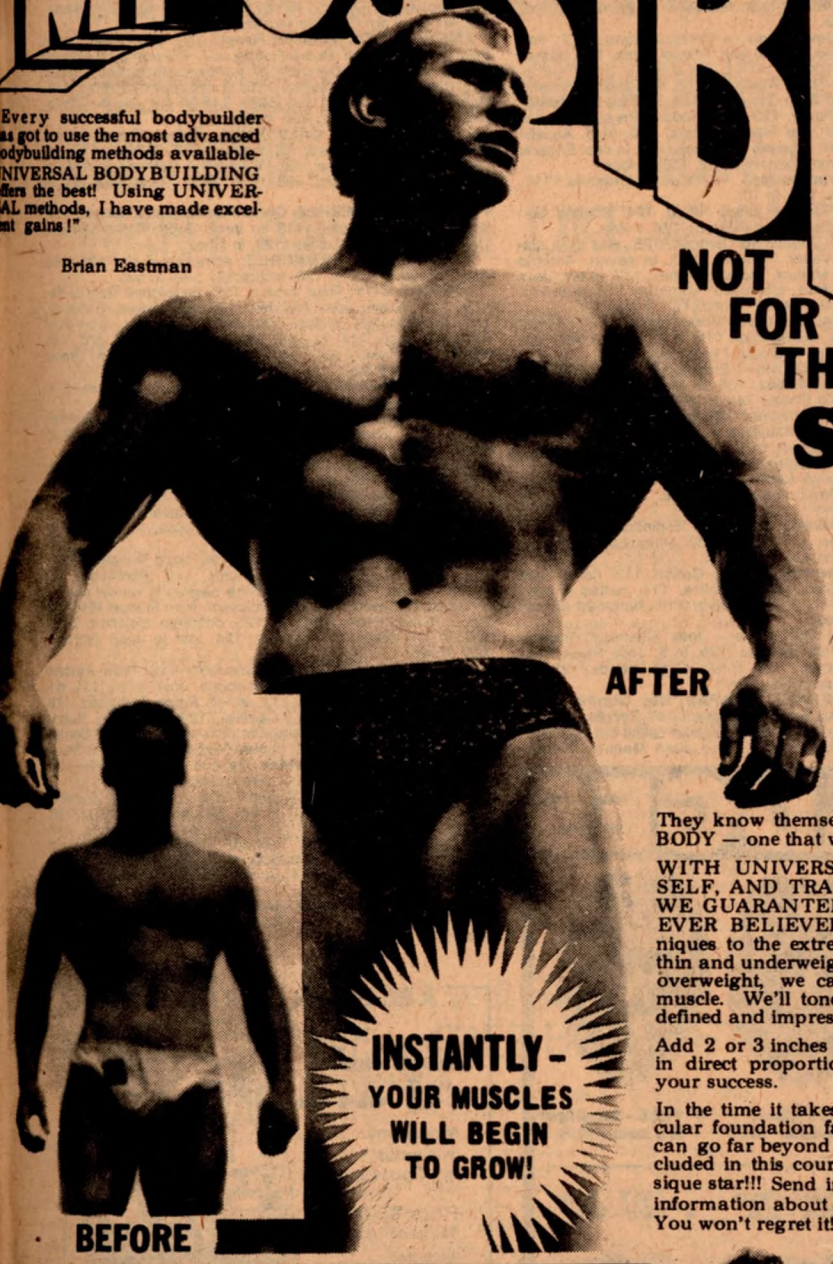

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By EDUARDO AMER

Tijuana, Baja, California — Jose Luis "Cachorro" Hernandez, 124, easily outpointed Saul Montana, 124, in 10.

▲**Campeche** — Adolfo Sanjeado, 144, TKO'd Mando Cardenas, 143, in two. Alberto Mendez, 117, KO'd Manuel Hong, 117, in three. Mario "Zurdo" Zanata, 118, TKO'd Ernesto Poot, 116, in 4.

▲**Mexico City** — Fidel Trejo, 119, whipped Sergio Cabrera, 118, in ten. Ruben Quintas, 146, TKO'd Lorenzo Alracon, 145, in six. Jose Gonzalez, 130, bested Juan Hernandez, 129, in 8. Justo Garcia, 121, TKO'd Fausto Chavez, 122, in 3. Benito Altaminaro, 118, TKO'd Domingo Garcia, 117, in two.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Arturo Uruzquieta, 108, knocked out Daniel Guillen, 108, in 8. Daniel Rojas, 134, halted Angel Zamudio, 134, in 4. Baby Mota, 114, defeated "Negrito" Molina, 113, in ten. Pablo Garcia, 110, TKO'd "Mosco" Gonzalez, 110, in 9.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Francisco Javier Nunez, and Antonio Rocha, 119, drew in ten.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alfredo Carranza, 125, iced Ventura Perez, 126, in the first round. Angel Lopez, 117, KO'd Jose Antonio Rocha, 118, in six.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Francisco Angelito, 136, kayoed Alejandro Vega, 132, in six. Jesus Sorroza, 125, TKO'd Benny Guajardo, 125, in seven.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Ubaldo Torres, 118, flattened Jose Luis Solis, 117, in 6.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Ernesto Davis, 135, of Panama, outpointed Mike Cruz, 134, in ten. Juvencio Martinez, 115, beat Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 115, in ten.

▲**Buctzotz, Yucatan** — Alfredo "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 110, won over Ranulfo Cano, 111, in ten. Francisco Perez Robinson, 135, halted Joaquin Rodriguez, 134, in 8. Roman Acosta, 107, and Alex Parra, 109, drew in six.

▲**Tijuana, Baja, California** — Arturo Leon, 135, TKO'd Ignacio "Negro" Campos, 134, in 8. Ad Zapanta, 124, of Philippines, decisioned Al Torres, 124, in ten.

▲**Mexico City** — Julio Mendez, 136, stopped Juan Rodriguez, 135, in three. Miguel Angel Juarez, 117, halted Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 118, in five. Jose Ruiz, 116, TKO'd Jorge Guzman, 116, in five. Ruben Soriano, 118, TKO'd Luis Aparicio, 117, in 4. Vic Gonzalez, 112, outscored Severo Bravo, 113, in four.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Juan Manuel "Negro" Perez, 121, TKO'd Lorenzo Nuriulu, 121, in 8. "Raton" Perez, 117, nailed Simeon Espinosa, 118, in fourp to become bantamweight king of Chiapas State. Leo Vazquez, 109, won over "Gallito del Ring," 109, in 12, to gain mosca Jr. title of Chiapas State. Ramiro Garcia, 129, defeated Gustavo Pinderson, 129, in twelve.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Pedro Galaviz, 113, kayoed Angel Felix, 112, in 3. Brigido Martinez, 114, bombed Ray Esparza, 115, in one.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Enrique Muniz, 117, embalmed Reyes Torres, 116, in four. Miguel Arias, 114, bested Domi Castillo, 114, in ten.

▲**Mexico City** — Jose Figueroa, 146, disposed of Marcos Geraldo, 146, in six. Jose Gonzalez, 124, won by a disqualification over Jose Chavez, 123, in 7. Rodolfo Perez, 118, won by a disqualification over Hernan Cerda, 120, in 6. Agustin Martinez, 125, TKO'd Fidencio Gonzalez, 126, in two. Eriberto Oviedo, 119, won from Zenon Cosme, 118, in four.

▲**Matamoros, Tamaulipas** — Rafael Gandarilla, 111, whipped Luis Torres, 111, in 10.

▲**Manzanillo, Colima** — Jesus Alfaro, 124, stopped Salvador Martinez Carrillo (Guero Papero), 124, in two.

▲**Mexico City** — Raymundo Cardoso, 125, won by a disqualification over Victor Ramirez, 126, in seven. Antonio Rojas, 117, gained Manuel "Rata" Martinez, 117, in ten. Jose Sosa, 110, TKO'd Jose "Chamaco" Martinez, 112, in seven. Elfego Lopez, 110, beat Victor Yanez, 111, in six.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Jose Luis Lara, 116, TKO'd Belisario "Panterita" Hernandez, 116, in 2. Sergio Martinez, 117, KO'd "Relampago" Burgua, 118, in two.

▲**Tijuana, Baja, California** — Ernesto Garfias, 134, bested Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 135, in ten. "Canelo" Salinas, 126, defeated Cecilio Onate, 125, in ten. Juan Escobar, 134, decisioned "Papero" Rodriguez, 132, in 8.

▲**Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas** — Rogelio "Bufalo" Vera, 154, TKO'd Sergio Lozano, 153, in nine. Victor Mendoza, 119, stopped Jose Luis Gonzalez, 118, in 8.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Ruben Rivera, 185, TKO'd Nacho Villa, 190, in 3. Aurelio Hinojosa, 127, polished off Angel Salinas, 126, in 1.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Primitivo Espinosa, 116, TKO'd Armando Villalobos, 117, in 8. Fidel Villalobos, 134, demolished Arturo Benavides, 134, in 5.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Mario Gatica, 112, nailed Luis Rey, 111, in 3. Victor Hugo Aguirre, 111, halted Freddy Polanco, 111, in six. Felipe Farias, 115, flattened Lanchi Cayetano, 115, in four.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua** — Jose "Chamizal" Hernandez, 135, TKO'd Juan Ramirez, 135, in 6. Jose Rivas, 124, stopped Gerardo Venzor, 124, in two. Gigio Estrada, 123, bested Alfonso Rodriguez, 122, in ten.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS; Ney Gordillo, 132, technically stopped Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 128, in four rounds.** Gerardo Aceves, 125, tko'd Jaime Nava, 125, in three. Cenobio Nicolas, 119, tko'd Juan Manuel "Negro" Perez, 117, in two. Roberto "Lobo" Morales, 113, tko'd Roberto Ramos, 113, in two.

▲**PIEDRAS NEGRAS, COAHUILA:** Mario Castro, in a big upset, technically kayoed Romeo Anaya, 119, former world bantamweight champion, in six.

▲**APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN:** Camilo "Guerrero" Ibarra, 124, decisioned Gerardo Flores, 125, in ten. Mauro Armenta, 112, knocked out Carmelo Montes, 111, in six.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Maximino Rangel, 126, outpointed Carlos Saldivar, 124, in ten. Pedro Rodriguez, 117, won by a disqualification over Justo Garcia, 117, in three. Francisco Manzo, 125, embalmed Tino Nunez, 125, in two. Dario Quintas, 146, halted Fernando "Pichi" Gonzalez, 145, in four. Victor Olvera, 126, nailed Fidel Lopez, 125, in two.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 128, polished off Cesar Bojorquez, 127, in three. Miguel Sotelo, 124, tko'd Jose Luis "Cachorro" Hernandez, 124, in two. Armando Mendieta, 123, tko'd "Bobo" Gonzalez, 124, in nine.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS:** Adelaido Galindo, 112, stopped Esteban Salas, 113, in three. Jorge David Monzon, 126, kayoed Roque Guillen, 125, in three.

▲**MINATITLAN, VERACRUZ:** Abraham Soto, 125, and Juan "Ranita" Robles, 126, technically drew in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Raul Valdez, 112, decisioned Gabriel Bernal, 111, in ten. Jose Mendez, 135, and Adrian Gutierrez, 137, drew in ten. Victor "Vaquero" Diaz, 111, won from Roberto Castro, 111, in eight. Jorge Ramirez, 115, and Jose Reyes, 116, drew in six. Raul Angeles, 110, embalmed Leonel Rojas, 110, in three.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Juan Jose Guzman, 111, TKO'd Amada "Panterita" Ursua, 110, in eight.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS:** Enrique "Kid Dinamita" Guerra, 117, polished off Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 118, in five.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Sixto Castillo, 130, iced Fili Reyes, 132, in one.

▲**MANZANILLO, COLIMA:** Arturo Zuniga, 146, and Ernesto Caballero, 145, technically drew in seventh round.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Joel Gatica, 112, tko'd Vicente Gonzalez, 111, in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Carlos Mimila, 126, tko'd Rosalio Badillo, 126, in six. Guillermo "Memo" Ayala, 118, demolished Victoriano "Cafre" Castillo, 115, in the beginning round. Agustin Ramirez, 133, won by a disqualification from Manuel Martinez, 137, in three. Pablo Ramirez, 125, defeated Alejandro Vega, 125, in six. Nicandro Martinez, 124, lost to Juan Jimenez, 121, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Salvador Sanchez, 119, tko'd Antonio Leon, 119, in the tenth and last round. Jose Sosa, 111, decisioned Pancho Granada, 111, in ten. Pablo Rodriguez, 129, tko'd Rodolfo "Tinieblas" Castillo, 128, in seven. Ruben Soriano, 126, won by a disqualification over Cayetano Correa, 123, in five. Luis Soto, 113, bested Porfirio Diaz, 112, in four.

▲**TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS:** Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 125, put Jorge Altamirano, 125, to sleep, in three.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Lupe Galindo, 135, tko'd Cesar Savinon, 133, of Dominican Republic, in five. Miguel Angel Juarez, 126, halted Pedro Martinez, 128, in two. Roberto Merida, 119, technically stopped Max "Conejo" Melendez, 117, in six. Salomon Gonzalez, 111, outscored Jacinto Gutierrez, 112, in six. Felipe Fernandez, 114, bombed Angel Marquez, 115, in one.

▲**GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO:** Sigfrido Rodriguez, 135, defeated Leoncio Ortiz, 135, former Mexican lightweight champion, in ten.

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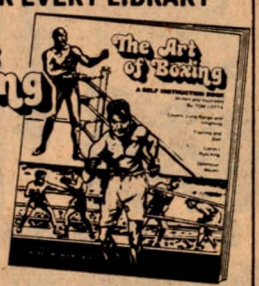

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TRAINERS AND HANDLERS OF YESTERYEAR

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thinking brain of the individual, trainers and handlers who can get their boxers in the finest condition, correct flaws immediately, improve skills in the gym, and pick a ladder of opponents who will test them thoroughly without breaking down their confidence. Too many cuts, especially over the eyes, or bruised hands, at the start of their careers, handicap a promising fighter when he meets top men. Many fair-skinned (especially Nordic) fighters, outstanding in the amateurs, failed to make the grade, simply because of their facial structure.

When boxing was getting a foothold in the States, the winning of contests was manipulated by some clever rogues.

No boxing commission or record keeping to deter them, old time handlers had more leeway to outsmart an opponent. And woe to the rube who tried to match wits with some of them.

So psychology, knowledge of fighting, and, yes, even trickery were the going things. Matches were made between parties, sometimes secretly, and the rules could vary: brine on the face, plaster of paris and bicycle tape on the hands, rum to revive a beaten foe, variations in knockdown counts, changing of battle sights—you name it, it took place.

Today, of course, boxing is closely regulated all over the globe.

Probably the first well-known trainer to hit our shores was Dai Dollings, the little Welshman. Bald-shaven Dai Dollings had been an old bare knuckle fighter and had trained such as Matt Wells, Ted "Kid" Lewis and others before he came to the United States.

A strict disciplinarian, Dai knew all sports well and his routine brought them all out for battle in the best of condition.

Jack Britton, Dave Shade and aging Mike McTigue, who swore by him, knew his ability to detect weaknesses in an opponent's armor.

Next in line of succession, also known for their knowledge of conditioning, were Whitey Bimstein, and, still going at 79, Ray Arcel, who trains Roberto Duran.

Ramil "Ray" Arcel trained and seconded at least 11 champions: Benny Leonard, Maxie Rosenbloom, Frankie Genaro, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Lou Brouillard, Primo Carnera, Jackie Fields, Johnny Dundee, Abe Goldstein, Bob Olin and Duran.

When Charley Phil Rosenberg came to him at 155 pounds, the bloated one had to get down to 118 pounds to fight Eddie "Cannonball" Martin for the title. Ray took off 39 pounds in a short time, leaving Rosenberg strong and spry enough to beat the "Cannonball" for the bantamweight title.

Whitey Bimstein helped in training Gene Tunney, Georges Carpentier, Joey Glick, Ruby Goldstein, Leo Lomski, Jackie "Kid" Berg, Sixto Escobar and Paolino Uzcudun, to name a few.

Many topnotchers would not train at all unless they could be guided by Ray Arcel or Whitey Bimstein, who worked either separately with fighters or together in the corner.

A group of my French friends insisted that I go see "the next heavyweight champion," Elzear Rioux, for my first glimpse of boxing, some 50 years ago.

The North Street Rink in Salem, Mass., in those days, was a small hall that seemed to bring the ring right to your lap.

Running down the aisle came "Whitey" Allen, Rioux's opponent, first in the ring, lively and animated. He went around checking the turnbuckles and falling heavily on the ropes, testing their tightness.

"What a fighter! Just how good is he?"

"He fought Gene Tunney," a fan volunteered.

To an impressionable youth of 15, these remarks, in such a tense and dramatic setting, were easy to believe.

They didn't know that Allen had been stopped by the Marine in two rounds, six years previous.

Giant lumberjack, Elzear Rioux, seemed to be the only one unimpressed at Allen's psychological ploy and proceeded to "chop" him down. Allen used the ropes, all right, but only to steady himself from falling down.

The fundamental skills of boxing must be in the mind of the fighter no matter what happens in the ring. Gene Tunney, never knocked down before the Dempsey scrap, was a shaken battler when he arose from Jack's bombardment, yet he was the coolest man in the arena as he waited the count—a situation he had prepared himself for. That self-discipline of Gene's, in taking the full count, which he was entitled to, and keeping out of danger, assured him of victory. Jack Kearns developed Dempsey's famed left hook, doubling the Manassa Mauler's tremendous power.

Jimmy DeForest, famous trainer and author, complained of the lack of boxing skill of boxers of his time. He said that they didn't even know how to block properly and not many since the days of Benny Leonard can do so.

Al Lacey's conditioning of Jack Sharkey, Ernie Schaaf and Andy Callahan, are well-known, and he was considered to be one of the nation's best.

We must place here an unusual kind of trainer. Luis Gutierrez is his name. He brought the great Cuban featherweight, Kid Chocolate, to this country after eight years of schooling in Cuba.

Gutierrez and the Keed had seen old time films of former greats like Joe Gans and Battling Nelson, Jack Johnson with Jim Jeffries, and Benny Leonard mixing with Lew Tendler, and they both—since they had very little knowledge of boxing—had practiced the blows and moves of these former stars in the privacy of their own room, then in the gym, and finally in the ring. The Keed proved to be a sensation when he first appeared in New York.

The Chocolate Bon-Bon dazzled the fans with his classic style and boxing know-how, piling up 45 straight wins before losing to the Whitechapel Windmill, Jackie "Kid" Berg. What the fans were seeing was the left hand of Joe Gans, the close in-fighting of Jack Johnson, and the feinting and blocking of Benny Leonard, all in the little Negro boy.

Frank Churchill, in developing the Filipino stars, starting with Pancho Villa, the flyweight king, was well known among the gentry.

In England, Ted Broadribb was highly regarded both by the British and the Americans. His handling of Freddie Mills, who had a desire to meet Joe Louis, and Tommy Farr, brought admiration on both continents.

We would have to list too many names of managers who have brought boxers to world championships. They knew the game to get them there.

One outstanding example, however, was Pop Foster, who adopted the baby-faced Jimmy McLarnin and made him the welterweight champion of the world. From street fighter to tops in the ring, was the story of Foster and McLarnin.

As my brothers and I listened with earphones on a crystal set, we happened to tune in on Jimmy McLarnin's most impressive victories as he blasted Sid Terris, Phil McGraw, Sgt. Sammy Baker and Ruby Goldstein, at Madison Square Garden—each one of them taken care of in less than two rounds.

"What kind of a fighter is this, coming out of the West, that can destroy the likes of these guys?"

Pop Foster's years of patient teaching and training had paid off.

ROSE ICES DiFIORE IN 6

● *By DON HAMILL* ●

Portland Exposition Building — Tommy Rose, 135, Sherborn, halted veteran Leo DiFiore, 132, Portland, in the sixth round of their scheduled ten round Thanksgiving night main event. Rose dropped the tiring DiFiore in the fifth round and when he dropped him early in the sixth Referee Pete Bennett wisely called a halt.

Matt Ross, 180, Lowell, halted Mike LaPointe, 202, Thomaston, in the first round of their six spot. Ricky Burgess, 158, Waterville, racked up his second win of the month by halting the oft-beaten Joe Houston, 163, Lowell, in the second session. Ricky Craney, 142, Bath, spoiled the pro debut of Danny Butts, 136, Portland, in a four rounder. Cathy "Cat" Davis, 155, Mount Vernon, N.Y., halted Portland's representative to distaff pugilism, Margie Dunson, 148, in the third round of a bout slated for six stanzas. Dave Ramalho, 115, Lowell, nifty little scrapper kept up his winning ways with a clear cut unanimous four round decision over Juan Sanchez, 118, Brooklyn. An amateur bout opened the show.

▲**Portland** — Ricky Burgess, 158, Waterville, continued his comeback by stopping Reinaldo Oliviera, 160, Wareham, in the seventh round. The veteran Bay Stater had a slight edge going into the sixth round. Burgess smashed a right to the jaw and dropped him just before the bell ending the round. As the seventh round started Burgess hit him with a right to the jaw followed by a left hook. Oliviera went down and out.

In the eight round co-feature, Cathy "Cat" Davis, 135, Mount Vernon, looked none the worse for 'shedding' twenty pounds in a week's time, scored a clear cut kayo over JoAnne Lutz, 135, Phoenix. Jim Corkum, 142, Brockton, won his 15th straight by taking his fellow townsman, Bob Castoneda, 137, into camp with a unanimous six round duke. Ronnie Drinkwater, 211, Malden, stopped Vincent Smith, 214, Hartford, in the fifth round of their sixer. In a four rounder, Ricky Craney took a unanimous decision over Jose Rodrigues, 147, Brockton. The crowd was held down by a bad snowstorm. Both Portland shows were promoted by Sam Silverman.

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